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Ex-Civil Rights Chief Urges Vigilance, Renewed Efforts

By LAURA CHIN

WASHINGTON — Outgoing chairman of the US Commission on Civil Rights, Arthur S. Flemming, was honored late last month by the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council for his humanitarianism and dedication to civil rights.

Flemming's attitudes towards social justice and equality apparently did not quite jibe with the Reagan Administration's outlook, and he was ousted from the position which he had held since 1974. His career, which includes having been secretary of the Department of Health and Welfare (now Health and Human Services) in the Eisenhower cabinet and Commissioner of Aging, has placed him in a position to see the evolution of government attempts to actively care for its poor, beginning with the New Deal programs of the 1940s, onto recent attempts to return federal programs to states and trim budgets of others.

As Commissioner of Aging, Flemming was instrumental in committing federal funds to the first A/PA elderly project. The Commission on Civil Rights was the first agency to sponsor a national consultation on the civil rights issue of A/PAs. Today, Flemming continues his commitment as a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. This past Sunday, Flemming received the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights award.

In an exclusive interview with *East/West*, Flemming reflected on the state of civil rights and the implications of current trends for Asian Americans and other minorities.

CROSSROADS

E/W: How do you assess the current state of civil rights in this country?

Flemming: As I and my colleagues see it, we are at rather significant crossroads. We are operating under reasonably good civil rights laws and very good court decisions, but the question is: Do we have the capacity and capability as a nation to take those laws and those court decisions and implement them in such a way that they mean something in the lives of those who have been and still are the victims of discrimination?

We recognize that when you move into a period of implementation that you disturb the status quo. The reason for the passage of the civil rights laws, the reason for going to court and asking for relief from the courts, was to disturb the status quo. The status quo resulted in discrimination and the only way to break it up was to disturb it...

We feel that the opposition has evolved into a regressive movement in the field of civil rights. Their strategy is to do everything they can to weaken or eliminate the methods that you need to employ in order to implement laws or the court decisions...

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E/W: Do you see these trends, including the proposed change in the IRS tax exemption policy for schools, as representing a pro-

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Lantern Fest Riddles

Children guess at Chinese riddles at the recent Chinatown Library's Lantern Festival Riddle Contest. For story on the contest and the traditions involved, see page 8. (Photo by Leland Wong) □

C'town Testifies to Need For Affordable Housing

By JANE SUJEN BOCK

SAN FRANCISCO — The Department of City Planning came to Chinatown last week, and the message from Chinatown residents and their Nob Hill neighbors was loud and clear: we need affordable housing now.

At the Feb. 16 community hearing on the proposed residence element of the city's master plan, some 80 people, including 30 senior citizens from Self-Help for the Elderly, gathered, and most felt that the city is not doing nearly enough to meet the housing needs of low and moderate income people.

LIMITED

Assistant planning director George Williams told the audience that citizen feedback would be instrumental in determining the final contents of the housing element. But, he added, "housing is a very complex issue, and the ability to deal with it at the local level is very limited. With high interest rates and the federal government totally abrogating its responsibility in terms of housing, the future does not look bright..."

"The most critical issue in SF today is that people cannot afford the housing," said Fei Tsen of the Chinatown Neighborhood Improvement Resource Center (CNIRC) and the Chinese Community Housing Corporation (CCHC). The problem is not supply but affordability, she emphasized: "Otherwise, you wouldn't have condominiums standing empty."

Tsen and many other speakers stressed that the housing situation has reached a crisis level, especially for Chinatown residents who have special language, cultural, and — in the case of the elderly — physical access needs.

For example, nearly 5,000 people have applied for the 185 units in the Mei Lun Yuen project, which is scheduled to open this spring; 2,000 are on the waiting list for the Wharf Plaza project; and 2,322 families and 3,013 elderly are on the SF Housing Authority Commission's waiting list for apartments. (The Housing Commission stopped adding names to the list last summer.)

ANOTHER ERA

Gordon Chin, executive director of CNIRC, challenged Planning Dept. members to name "one thing in this plan that is going to preserve housing in Chinatown" and "one thing that will make another Mei Lun Yuen project feasible within the next three years."

"We're dealing in an atmosphere when the HUD block grants are going from $27 million (this year) to $19 million (next year)" and when the city's ability to even maintain basic city services is under question,"Williams replied. "I'm not optimistic we'll replicate the Mei Lun Yuen project within the next few years...That was really almost another era," he said.

However, Howard Gong of the CCHC accused the planning department of "copping out" with the rationale that the Reagan administration is responsible for

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Taipei OK's Beijing Invite To Upcoming Softball Meet

TAIPEI — Taipei officials last week announced that they will accept mainland China's participation in the fifth Women's World Softball Championship to be held here July 2 to 11. The decision, reached after three days of discussion between the president of Taiwan's Amateur Softball Association and with the secretary general of the International Softball Federation, marks the first time that mainland athletes have competed in Taiwan since 1949.

"We are interested only in softball. We don't want any undue (political) pressure on young athletes," Don Porter, ISF secretary general, said.

HOST NATION

Invitations to all 46 of the ISF's members will be sent from Taiwan through the ISF channels. According to a seven-point ISF statement, Taiwan will grant all teams wishing to attend entry permits and visas, and will abide by all ISF regulations. Only the flag of the host nation and of the ISF are displayed during the games, and the anthem of the host nation is the only one permitted during the ceremony.

Although members have two weeks to accept or decline invitations, China's softball association spokesperson, Zhou You, announced immediately upon hearing the news, "We will definitely go and play," the *LA Times* reported. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has made no comment.

Women's teams from China and Taiwan had played at the 1981 youth world softball championships in Edmonton, Canada, with the China team winning 7 to 4.

Being the host nation, Taiwan has the privilege of flying its national flag and playing its national anthem. Beijing officials had refused to let mainland athletes participate in the Olympics as long as Taiwan persisted in calling itself the Republic of China and using the old flag and anthem. Taiwan last March had agreed to change name, flag and emblem in order to participate in the Olympics. □

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Housing

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their "lack of aggressiveness" in pursuing housing for low-income people. He cited the recently announced "citywide affordable housing program," which targets only 25% of its assistance specifically for those with incomes of $24,000 or under. Gong suggested that low-income participation in the program, which draws on mortgage revenue bonds and an investment pool to assist homebuyers, be raised to at least 50%.

Harline Hurst of Nob Hill Neighbors agreed. "The city has played federal junkie for too long," she proclaimed. "SF has been uniquely greedy in building up the downtown, and the downtown business interests have raped SF," she added, proposing that the money which Mayor Feinstein and other city officials have been raising for cable cars be diverted to affordable housing.

Williams, however, said that "most of the low- and moderate-income housing we have now is the low- and moderate-income housing we will have in five years." Because the federal government has withdrawn assistance to housing construction, the only hope of increasing the stock of affordable housing would be through the use of "inclusionary" policies, he explained.

Such policies would require all new housing developments to include a portion of low- and moderate-income units, "if public subsidies are available." They also would promote the inclusion of housing in downtown commercial developments. (The city has so far concluded three agreements with downtown office developers to contribute to housing projects as part of the Planning Commission's permit process.)

Several speakers called for the strengthening of inclusionary policies as well as of policies to preserve existing housing. A Nob Hill Neighbors member urged the Planning Department to say it will "prevent the demolition of existing housing" rather than simply "discourage" it, the plan's current language.

Many also called for consideration of a total moratorium on condominium conversion, which is now limited to 1,000 units per year. Chief housing planner Eva Liang Levine had earlier cited a study which showed that only 41% of condominium purchasers since 1979 had applied for homeowners' exemptions, indicating that most condominiums are being used as secondary homes or investments, thus diminishing the housing supply.

ELDERLY

The most poignant comments concerned the plight of the elderly. Yvonne Lee, Self-Help housing services director who provided English/Cantonese translation during the hearing, said that many senior citizens live with inadequate facilities, some with no heat or hot water. However, since the city does not provide them with an effective process for making complaints or adequate protections against eviction, little is done because "many people would rather stay in their cubbyholes than be out on the streets."

"We need you to build more subsidized housing. If more low-income housing is impossible, we need more protection for existing housing," said Annie Yen, speaking for the seniors at Self-Help. Calling for continuation of the rent ordinance, she said, "There are times when people have to be evicted. Vacancy control is a major problem, because rents (in empty apartments) become impossible."

Expressing concern for the high proportion of Chinatown residents who are elderly, Donna Yee of On Lok Senior Health Services advocated "housing for the diversity of needs." While many of the elderly are frail, "they would rather be in their own homes and own community," Yee said. But because of inadequate and inaccessible housing, "they end up in nursing homes and hospitals, where more money is spent and they end up dying sooner."

The hearing concluded after Man Yan Wu told Williams that she applied for elderlyhousing in February 1975 and hadn't heard anything on the matter since. Also, she noted that although rents and electricity bills are constantly rising, there is a building at Grant Ave. and Pine St. which stands vacant. "Maybe you could check into the matter," she told Williams.

The Department of Planning welcomes comments on the proposed housing element, either in writing or in a hearing to be held late next month before the Planning Commission. Copies of the housing plan may be picked up at the Planning Dept., 100 Larkin St. or 450 McAllister, 4th fl. Members of the Planning Department will be available to speak with community groups about the housing element until the end of March. Call Mike Estrada or Eva Levine at 558-2683 to arrange for a speaker. □

EDITORIAL

War on Bureaucrats

Deng Xiaoping has declared war on China's bureaucrats.

The Vice Chairman and other top officials in China are planning a major drive to force thousands of elderly officials into retirement, cut a number of duplicate departments within the State Council, prosecute corrupt officials, and generally streamline the entire structure of the government.

We are not alarmed by this move as are many newspapers in this country. We feel that the destruction during the decade of the 'Cultural Revolution' was caused by many more officials than just the Gang of Four. Many opportunists and followers of the Gang seized power during this dark decade and few were identified, removed, or put on trial after the death of Mao.

In China, many people who sided with Deng have agreed that this should be done, but it takes time and skill. Four years ago when Deng returned to power, he did nothing to shake up the bureaucracy. Perhaps at that time, he felt that to maintain order and stability was essential.

The time to purge the bureaucrats, as reports from Beijing indicate, is now.

It takes courage to lead such a drive, and we salute Deng and his colleagues for it. However, we know that the people in China, who have been frightened by so many movements and campaigns in the past thirty years, will be apprehensive for another drive in the making. We hope that this purge will be an orderly one, and will not agitate people outside of the government circle. □

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Amerasian Children May Get Immigration Break

WASHINGTON — Legislation designed to give Amerasian children of US servicemen preferential immigration status is rapidly gaining support in Congress, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported recently. The bill, writen by Rep. Stewart B. McKinney (R) of Connecticut, is being sponsored by 160 senators and representatives, including several prominent conservatives.

SPONSOR

Under the proposed bill, children who were fathered by US servicemen and born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Japan, the Philippines, or Taiwan after 1950 would be eligible for the first preference immigration category (unmarried children of US citizens). Currently, they fall into the sixth and last preference category, and are rarely granted visas.

The new law would not increase the number of immigrants nor involve public costs since each child would have a private sponsor who would guarantee financial support for at least five years.

The children left behind by American servicemen generally face discrimination and deprivation because of their mixed race. Many are orphans or "street children." Rev. Alfred Keane, director of St. Vincent's Home for Amerasians in Seoul, Korea testified before Congress on the ridicule and abuse faced by "those forgotten American children of Asia."

"When the father is absent, which is almost always the case with Amerasians, the key to life in Asia and all its aspects of socialization and acculturation as well as general societal acceptance is missing," John Shade, executive director of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, told the *Monitor*.

Keane estimated that there are more than 35,000 Amerasian children, including 2,000 in Korea, 1,500 in Japan, 1,000 in Taiwan, 5,000 in Thailand, 1,000 in Laos, and 25,000 in Vietnam and the Philippines. Other estimates range to 80,000 or more.

"Other great nations which have been active in Southeast Asia, such as France, took these children back with them when they returned home, gave them citizenship, and supported them until they completed their education," Keane pointed out.

Although similar legislation has been defeated in the past, supporters are optimistic that the bill will pass because of its large and diverse group of sponsors on Capitol Hill. □

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LETTERS

Hon Sing Seeks Support Letters

To *East/West:*

The Chinese Community Hour (Hon Sing) is a program serving the Chinese American community (*E/W* 2/3/82, 1/27/82). We are now into our 12th year over station KQED-FM.

Last month we were informed by the station manager that the station has decided to discontinue the broadcasting of "special interest" and non-English language programs such as ours. At present, this type of programming comprises only four hours weekly, including our one hour, representing a mere 3% of the station's total broadcast time. It is, furthermore, aired during non-prime time.

The station management made it clear that they have made up their minds to aim their programming at the "broad" audience and are no longer interested in programs serving specific minority communities. However, we are of the firm opinion that public radio has a responsibility to serve all segments of the population including the ethnic minorities.

CRITICAL

This type of programming is especially important for the Chinese American population, which has increased to about 200,000 in the Bay Area and comprises 12.1% of San Francisco's population. An extremely high percentage are new immigrants who are in need of a program such as Chinese Community Hour to facilitate their adjustment to American society.

For this reason we took our case to the station Board of Directors. The result was that the latter passed a resolution calling for a 90-day moratorium to enable further study of the issue. However, the situation remains critical as the station staff is actively lobbying and exerting pressure on board members to rescind this motion. In view of this situation we are asking all who feel that programs such as ours perform an essential community service to write to express their support of our stand. Letters should be addressed to: David Hill, President, Board of Directors, Station KQED-FM, 500-8th St., SF, CA 94103; with copy to Chinese Community Hour, c/o Chinese for Affirmative Action, 121 Waverly Place, SF, CA 94108.

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Kenya's Asians Fearful of New Edicts

NAIROBI — A speech by President Daniel arap Moi accusing Kenya's 100,000 Asian residents of "ruining the country's economy by smuggling currency. . . and hoarding essential goods and selling them through the back doors," and threatening to deport them, has left many of Kenya's Asians worried, the *NY Times* reported last week.

Despite some government attempt to reassure them that Asians will not be discriminated against, some Asians, many of whom are of Indian and Pakistani background, compare this incident with a Ugandan incident ten years ago when President Idi Amin expelled 75,000 Asians accused to exploiting Uganda.

DISCRIMINATORY

Asians control a small textile industry in Kenya, in addition to holding managerial positions in banks and businesses, key technical posts in the state-run railways and telecommunications services, and operating restaurants, the *Times* reported.

It is estimated that 25% of Kenya's gross domestic product of $4 billion is controlled by Asians. Per capita annual income for Kenya's 100,000 Asians is about $15,000) Kenya's overall per-capita income of 17 million people is less than $400.

Since Moi made his speech Feb. 6 to a group of municipal officials, he has explained to some Asian leaders that he did not intend to "sound discriminatory," but rather he was directing the remarks to everybody in Kenya, the *Times* said.

One Asian shopkeeper said, however, that what the president "is saying is that being a Kenyan citizen doesn't necessarily grant you security," the *Times* reported. □

Tourist Assailant Convicted, Awaits March Sentencing

SAN FRANCISCO — Phillip Chan, a 20-year-old resident of the Sunset district and an alleged Wah Ching associate, was convicted last Friday of assault with a deadly weapon upon two Louisiana tourists in October (*E/W* 10/21/81). Chan had beat Joseph Cashen over the eye with a shotgun, requiring some 100 stitches and leaving Cashen with double vision. Cashen's wife Jackie was also hit in the stomach when she went to assist her husband. The incident occurred after the couple had boarded a taxi in front of the Empress of China.

The Cashens have returned to the city to testify against Chan, who has claimed he was home watching television at the time. At the March 19 sentencing scheduled, Chan is eligible to receive a maximum of eight years and eight months for the attack. □

Chinatown Youth Shoots Himself

SAN FRANCISCO — A 19-year-old Chinatown youth, Kingman Leong, shot and killed hismelf last Friday night in his locked Ping Yuen apartment bedroom. His parents discovered his body when they returned later in the evening.

Homicide Inspector Herman Clark said that although there was no note left, the shooting was definitely a suicide. Leong had allegedly bought two guns recently, one registered to himself and one to another, and he had been known to "play with them," Clark told *East/West*. □

Sen. Matsunaga Reappointed to Int'l Trade Post

WASHINGTON — US Senator Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was reappointed early this month to the post of alternate official advisor to the US delegation to international conferences, meetings and negotiating sessions relating to trade agreements.

"I have always believed that maintaining favorable trade relations with foreign countries should be one of our major priorities," Matsunaga said after his reappointment, noting that trade between the US and Pacific Island nations are been increasing rapidly. □

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CHINESE WORD-A-DAY

"TO LOSE"

How would you describe the word "to lose?"

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Well, the Chinese took care of both situations with one word. The word "to lose" in Chinese shows a perplexed man raising his right arm. If he lost something, he is probably scratching his head with his right arm and trying hard to think where he mislaid it. If he lost his mind, the word shows us that he had just found it and was putting it back with his right hand. This is the Chinese application of the power of positive losing.

Cantonese S—UT Soft "T"

Mandarin SHR

Once a farmer came home from the rice field without his hoe. His wife asked him where it was. Like all husbands who suspect wives are always ready to pick a fight, he decided to face up to the crisis with a profound statement.

"Out in the field," he said loudly.

"Don't shout! Don't you know if people hear you, they will go out and steal it?"

The wife then urged him to go back to the field and bring the hoe home.

He went, but found the hoe was not there.

Hurrying home, and trying to please his wife at the same time, he WHISPERED to her.

"It's gone."

By Gordon Lew

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UCLA Suspends Move to Drop Asians from Aff. Action Program

LOS ANGELES — UCLA law school faculty members have suspended proposals to eliminate Asians from their affirmative action program and to reduce the role of minority students in the admission process. (*E/W* 2/3/82).

DEBATE

The faculty was to have voted on the proposals Feb. 5. Their meeting was preceded by a forum and demonstration attended by 350 law students, undergraduates, and community representatives who called for the affirmative action program to be maintained and strengthened. No faculty members attended the forum, despite invitations from the coalition of Asian, black, and Chicano law student organizations.

"I don't think we have anything to debate about," law school dean William D. Warren said. "The percentage of Asian students at UCLA is 17% at the undergraduate level — 20% at Berkeley. The number of Asian students in law school grows every year — and they are very good students."

According to Asian Pacific Law Students Association (APLSA) member Pamela G. Chin, there are approximately 20 Asians in the law school'ls first year class, 27 in the second, and 15 in the third.

Warren wrote in a letter to JACL president Ed Goka, "The Admissions Committee has decided not to propose any changes in the (special admissions) program this year until we have more experience on the subject."

DIVERSITY

Minority law students have called for the establishment of an ad hoc committee of students, faculty, and admission staff to study the issues. The students are seeking continued student participation in the admission process, maintenance of Asian ethnicity as a factor in "diversity" decisions, and the development of a set of clearly-defined criteria with which to evaluate an applicant's potential to provide legal services to minority communities.

The student organizations are also protesting a recent policy change, implemented last fall, which gives the assistant dean of the law school sole discretion in the cases of "clearly admissable" minority candidates applying under the diversity program. Minority students were previously given the opportunity to interview and evaluate such candidates before decisions were issued.

ALPSA members claim that although the proposals to stop considering Asians as minorities have been suspended, the number of Asian applicants admitted under the diversity program so far this year is significantly less than what it was at this time last year. They say that if faculty members do not agree to the formation of an ad hoc committee to study the matter, they will consider other means of applying pressure. □

Proposed Fishing Net Bill Would Hurt Vietnamese

SACRAMENTO — State senator Henry Mello has introduced a bill that would prohibit entangling nets, like those used by Vietnamese fishermen in Monterey Bay, in water less than 10 fathoms (60 feet) deep.

According to the Dept. of Fish and Game (DFG), sea birds are becoming entangled in the nets and washing ashore in distressing numbers (a DFG study found 22,000 beached sea birds between Oct. 1980 and Aug. 1981). Two surfers and a few harbor seals and sea lions have also been ensnared in the nets, some of which had broken loose from anchors, the *SF Examiner* reported.

A colony of Vietnamese fishermen who own around 20 converted pleasure boats fear the legislation will bar them from the only area where they can earn a living. They are prevented from moving their operations out to sea by a law which prohibits non-US citizens from owning vessels over five tons.

Conservationists, Fish and Game officials, and legislators stress that they do not want to put the Vietnamese out of business but hope some compromise can be worked out which will end the bird deaths. A public hearing will be held Mar. 4 in the Monterey City Council chambers to discuss Mello's proposals and alternatives. □

LA Ratifies Pact With Guangzhou

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles City Council last week formally ratified the LA/Guangzhou Sister City agreement which has been in negotiations for over three years. Although signed by both mayors last December, it was not formally approved until last Tuesday, over objections of Councilman Arthur K. Snyder who has criticized Chinese "support" for the Palestine Liberation Organization. Snyder had sought to dissociate LA from this alleged support, and a committee will consider his motion further. □

Aff. Action Rules Stymie Clean Water Contract Award

SAN FRANCISCO — Dept. of Public Works director Jeffrey P. Lee ruled two weeks ago that the procedure used to award a million-dollar marine site inspection contract to a Florida diving firm was in violation of Environmental Protection Agency guidelines (*E/W*, 1/20/82). He also ruled, however, that the two Bay Area diving firms which protested the contract award did not conclusively prove that the Florida firm was a "minority front."

The city's Clean Water Program (CWP) issued a new request for proposals last week. The CWP has twice before solicited proposals and twice been forced to scrap the procurement because of faulty affirmative action procedures.

CURSORY

Lee ruled that the problem with the second contract award was the two-phase review process used by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to certify the applicants' minority business enterprise (MBE) status. Under the process, the HRC conducted a cursory evaluation of the firms before one was tenatively selected and was to make an in-depth examination after the contract was announced.

In the upcoming process, the HRC will complete a thorough examination of all firms' minority participation before the contract is awarded, according to N. Alispones, Clean Water Program construction administration manager.

Samuel Norman, attorney for the diving firms which challenged the contract, said that he hoped the Human Rights Commission would be required to change its general procedures for certifying MBE's. in a Jan. 13 hearing, Norman had expressed amazement at the "cavalier attitude" taken by HRC officials towards the city's MBE program and goals.

"I hope minimally that the HRC would be required to review (its affirmative action procedures) for all other (public) contracts on which the work has not yet begun," Norman said.

(*E/W* earlier reported that the Jan. 13 hearing discussed in the 1/20/82 article was conducted by the Dept. of Public Works.) □

Asians in Dallas Learn English Within One Year

DALLAS — Asians in the Dallas public school system learn basic English three times faster than their Spanish-speaking counterparts, reported Linus Wright, superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District.

Wright told the Dallas Pastors Association that the Dallas system has 1,500 Asians from 33 language groups, and that most speak English after completing the first grade. Spanish-speaking students take three to four years, he said.

Asian students are motivated by their parents who wish to have their families assimilated into American society, Wright added.

By 1990, Hispanics will be the dominant ethnic group in Dallas schools, Wright said. He predicted that bilingual education will be a major issue during the 1980s. □

Court Temporarily Bans Tax-exemptions For Racial Schools

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court last week temporarily barred the Reagan Administration from granting tax exemptions to religious schools which discriminate against racial minorities. The decision directed the administration to "preserve the status quo," the 11-year-old Internal Revenue Service practice of refusing tax exemptions to racially discriminatory schools, until Dept. of Justice attorneys representing the Treasury and the IRS had responded to orders filed by the three-judge panel.

Two religious schools, Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., and Goldsboro Christian Schools of Goldsboro, N.C., currently have a lawsuit pending before the Supreme Court requesting they be granted tax-exempt status. □

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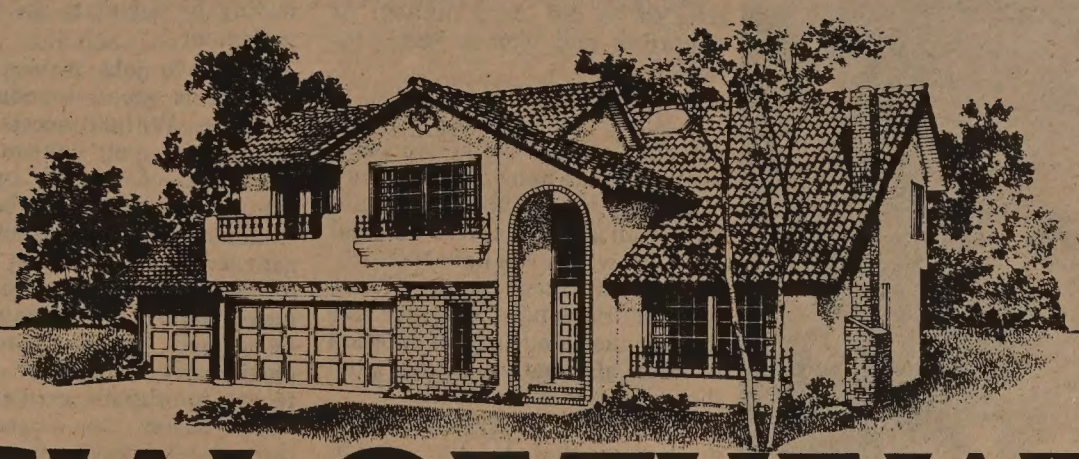

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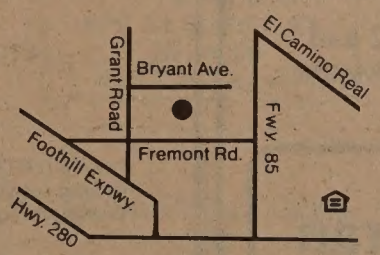

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Arthur Flemming

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found and deepening separation in this country?

Flemming: I think it is clear that the Executive Branch is trying to turn the clock back as far as civil rights is concerned, because it does lend support to anti-bussing riders; that in the area of equal employment, it lends support to those who oppose affirmative action.

Here again, the House of Representatives just recently attached a rider to the Department of Labor appropriation bill which, if it becomes law, will pull the rug from under the use of affirmative action to enforce the equal employment opportunity laws. It is clear that the Executive Branch has taken a position in connection with the extension of the Voting Rights Act, which, if it prevails, will weaken the Voting Rights Act.

What does this reflect as far as our country is concerned? I believe that there are millions of citizens in this country who support the implementation of desegregation and affirmative action plans.

Take, for example, desegregation. We've got hundreds of communities in this country who have been operating under desegregation plans from between two to 10 years. In those communities there are thousands of citizens who, on the basis of their experience and on what they have observed, believe in them. Many of those citizens do not belong to the normal civil rights organizations. We have had to figure out methods whereby they can give expressions of their views to their elected public representatives...

This strategy that the opposition is using in leading the regressive movement to try to weaken civil rights laws by appropriation riders is difficult to combat.

SUPPORT

I don't think anybody in Congress would introduce a bill to repeal the Civil Rights Act of 1964...They won't attempt to repeal it by going in the front door; so they come in the back door with these riders which have the effect of step-by-step weakening of the Civil Rights Act.

Riders are often put on at the last minute, when an appropriations subcommittee is finished marking up an appropriation bill.

Arthur S. Flemming.

No hearings are held on it; there is no opportunity for debate. And very seldom is there debate on the floor of the House or Senate. So the civil rights community has got to figure out an approach which will enable it to combat this strategy...

The (Voting Rights Act) bill that passed the House of Representatives extending it for 10 years is an excellent bill, and it passed with only 24 votes in opposition. Toward the bill now you have 61 or 62 Senators co-sponsoring, in effect, the House bill in the Senate. So that is an encouraging sign. The discouraging aspect is that now we do not have an Executive Branch opposing those appropriations riders, but an Executive Branch, in effect, supporting those riders, making it all the more difficult to deal with.

E/W: What then can the ordinary citizen do to dismantle the process of discrimination when the current policy is, in effect, lending support to the increasing intolerance in this country?

Flemming: I think we must recognize that we do have many, many administrators in this country who have developed affirmative action plans. We must get them to testify as to the results they have achieved in their work.

For example, we held a hearing in Baltimore, Maryland, to determine what obstacles were standing in the way of minority business concerns becoming involved in the economic life of the community...The top officer of a bank and a top officer of a large insurance company...both referred to the large number of minorities and women they employed...

INDIVIDUAL

I asked, 'Let's assume you did not have affirmative action plans in effect in the bank and insurance company, do you think you would have been able to point to the kind of results which you have today?'

Both of them said, 'There wouldn't have been a chance. It's development and implementation of that affirmative action plan that produced those results.'...

We've got to keep pushing. Now it is true that in the present climate, you won't get as vigorous enforcement of the equal employment opportunity laws. You won't have the government being as vigorous as in the past, saying to government contractors that 'you've got to develop and implement an affirmative action plan if you're going to continue to get government contracts...'

The Administration has indicated that they do not want to pursue group complaints, the so-called systemic-type, and that they are only going to pursue individual ones...But it does *not* mean that we cannot keep moving forward, because there is a foundation that has been laid and...the courts are still open to us...

E/W: Asian Americans have been the beneficiary of affirmative action plans and affirmative action has enabled Asian Americans to make civil rights gains. What can we do to ensure that there is equity in benefits? How can we use the resources we have already have in the community?

Flemming: Opportunities have opened up for Asian Americans because of affirmative action plans. It seems to me, therefore, important for the community to recognize the role of affirmative action plans, and to join with other groups of minorities to put pressure at the local level on employers to develop and implement plans.

Also, where members of the community experience discrimination, I think it is important to take full advantage of the laws that are on the books...If there is no response, then we need to marshal our resources to go into court. As you well know, every time we win in court, a lot of other employers take note of that fact...If (employers) are convinced of the real possibility of losing in court, then they're more willing to negotiate an informal settlement...

Access to jobs is very important, as is access to educational resources. Without access to those resources, you cannot take advantage of the job opportunities. Here again, there are situations that may be difficult to gain access. For example, the need for the bilingual provisions that have been incorporated and recognized by the courts are particularly important for the recent immigrant arrivals. They need access to opportunities through bilingual provisions.

E/W: As you know, several years ago the government at one point questioned the inclusion of Asian Americans in affirmative action programs. The issue came to light again more recently when the Small Business Administration decided to exclude Asian Americans from certain programs, claiming that they were not socially or economically disadvantaged minorities. On both occasions the community marshalled its resources and responded effectively. How do you respond to critics who say that Asian and Pacific Americans should not be included as protected groups?

Flemming: ...The community must be in a position to respond to those issues factually. It is true that some members of the community have done well, but it is also true that there are members of the community below the poverty threshold.

The Asian and Pacific American community does have some very serious problems. I do not believe in quantifying an issue of this nature. If some individuals in the community have problems from an economic point of view or difficulty gaining access to education or jobs, then those difficulties should be recognized. There are laws that should be utilized to deal with the problems of the community.

I get very impatient when I hear comments about Asian and Pacific Americans because what people are trying to get you to agree with is the fact that some members of the community are successful, that the community does not have to deal with the problem of discrimination.

OBLIGATION

The evidence to me is quite the contrary. The Asian and Pacific American community has had to deal with discrimination based upon race. There is discrimination in education, employment, housing.

I've had that underlined dramatically as a result of my experience as a commissioner on the Commission for Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. We've taken testimony from the Japanese American community, who were the victims of racism run rampant. No question about it at all. I feel that your community has had to face racism in all those areas. Just because some members of the community have been able to surmount it, should not lead people to conclude that others who are the victims of racism should not have the benefits of the laws and court decisions that are designed to come to grips with racism...

E/W: As a final question, what is your image of America's future. Are you hopeful?

Flemming: I'm hopeful although I recognize that we are going through a really difficult period. I have watched the country for a period of over 50 years evolve such that there was no doubt in the minds of many that the federal government has an obligation and responsibility in the areas of health and welfare services, establishing a "floor" below which no one would be permitted to fall, no matter where that person might live...

The concept of block grants is in conflict with that obligation. And now the concept of turning some of the responsibility for some of the programs back completely to the states without the benefit of federal guidelines is contrary to that concept...

In the final analysis, the government will recognize that it has a responsibility ot promote justice. It seems to me that accepting the obligation and responsibility to establish a floor is part of the concept of justice. I believe that there is support for the concept out in the grassroots. □

New World Travel Offers China Summer Summer Camp Tour

SAN FRANCISCO — The New World Travel Service, in conjunction with the China Travel Service, will offer 35-day student summer camp tours to China this summer.

The summer school is based in the Beijing Institute of Physical Education, a modern facility outside of Beijing. The curriculum focus is cultural, and includes instruction in Mandarin, modern history, cooking, and wushu (martial arts). Discussions, picnics and sightseeing are also slated, with some history lectures being held in the famous Yuan Ming Gardens outside of Beijing. Trips are planned to Qingdao, Jinan, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Shanghai. A June 19 departure date from SF is planned.

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Triad Gangs in Hong Kong Persist Despite Police Efforts

HONG KONG — Despite attempts here by police to infiltrate and bust members of the notorious triad gangs, the secret societies' influence and power remain, with a recent degeneration in their leadership attributing to an increase of violent crimes, according to a recent *Los Angeles Times* report.

MAFIA-LIKE

An outgrowth of the traditional triad societies based on the three elements of heaven, earth and man and begun in Fujian province in the seventeenth century to fight the Qing Dynasty rulers, the societies now claim an estimated 80,000 members, divided among some 37 individual societies (*E/W* 7/30/80) The original 'Robin Hood' quality of the societies degenerated into a more Mafia-like tone after the groups fled to Hong Kong and abroad following the 1949 Communist victory in China.

Despite recent successful infiltration of some triad groups, police are unsure of the full extent of their activities and have been unsuccessful in breaking the organizations.

"They go wherever there is money. We can follow the pattern of street crime and investigate their other suspected activities, but they spread very quickly into new fields and increasingly into legitimate businesses," Chief Inspector Robert Cheng of the triad squad told the *LA Times*.

"Yesterday, it may have been drugs and protection rackets; today, video game centers; tomorrow, night clubs," he said. The most tightly-organized triad group, the Chin Chau, is believed to control HK's drug traffic and has a large Asian network of connections. The continual development of HK's economy provides ample opportunity for the triads, with rival groups battling over new hotels and nightclubs in the tourist section. According to the *Times* report, each new housing development is worth about $250,000 in protection money from the builders.

LEGITIMATE

Although only around 15% of triad members are actively engaged in crime, they are believed to be responsible for about one-third of all major crimes reported in HK, and as much as two-thirds of racketeering, the *Times* reported. Moreover, at any given time, from 55% or more of HK's male prisoners are triad members.

Of the 85% not directly involved in criminal activity, many work in legitimate businesses, banking and finance, the colonial government and even the police force. All triad members are sworn on penalty of death to assist each other, the report said.

"These secret triad connections run through the whole fabric of life in Hong Kong. Whether on the street or in the executive offices, they are criminal conspiracies, not benevolent aid societies or a kind of Masonic lodge, and they are corrupting society," a prosecutor had said last year while seeking the conviction of a businessman who had asked fellow triad members to help force a competitor into bankruptcy.

A high school student survey last year by the prison Preventors Organization indicated that as many as 47,000 youths had been persuaded or intimidated into joining triad groups, although police disputed the figure, saying that no more than 1,500 had actually gone through the initiation ceremony.

AFFILIATION

The influence of triad members involved in legitimate business and on the police and government forces, as well as the wide diversification of their activities, make it difficult for police to break the organizations. Hong Kong police largely concentrate upon keeping the triads fragmented and without strong leadership, fearing that a strong, united leadership would pose a major threat to law and order.

Many Chinese attribute this lack of leadership to a deterioration of the traditional codes of the triads, such as oaths against attacking the defenseless and robbing the poor, and in support of protecting the honor of women.

Many triad members immigrated to the US in the 60s and 70s, the report said, and while maintaining basically separate operations there, they do from time to time call upon their old triad connections in the states or in HK, with a "working, ad hoc affiliation" existing among HK triads and those in the US, Canada and Europe. □

Peace Officers Schedule May Convention in NY

SAN FRANCISCO — The second convention of the National Asian Peace Officers Association (NAPOA) is scheduled from May 17-20 in New York City at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Seminars will focus on the problems Asian American peace officers face throughout the nation.

The Northern California Asian Peace Officers Association (NCAPOA) will have an installation dinner on Fri., Feb. 26 at Silver Dragon Restaurant, 823 Webster St., Oakland. No-host cocktails begin at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30. Cost is $12.50 per person, $10 for NCAPOA member if payment is accompanied by membership renewal fee. Send checks to NCAPOA, 334-11th Ave., SF 94118; 778-7300. □

Richard Chang Honored for Fine Basketball Playing

LOS ANGELES — Richard Chang, one of the most coveted basketball players in Southern California, recently gave verbal commitment to attend UC, Berkeley. Chang, 6-foot, 6-inch high school senior, is averaging 23 points per game. He was recently named most valuable player of the San Dimas Tournament of Champions after leading his Edison High School Team to a surprising second-place finish.

Chang was born in Taiwan and moved to the US when he was four. He began playing basketball in the fourth grade at a recreation center. As a high school freshman he stood 6-foot, 1-inch and weighed 130 pounds. "I didn't do anything special to build up," Chang told the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. "I didn't hit the weights real hard; I just filled out and up."

"He's really unstoppable," said Chang's coach Barry Leigh. "He's very sound fundamentally, shoots, passes, rebounds, has a very quick first step and is a good jumper." Chang is also versatile, and Lehigh has played him at every position. At Cal, UC-Berkeley, he expects to be used as a second guard or small forward.

Blue-and-White Ware Display At Asian Art Museum

A Kosometsuke-ware bird-shaped dish is one of some 50 rare pieces of Chinese blue-and-white porcelains to be displayed at the Asian Art Museum from March 2 to June 6.

The kosometsuke (literally "old blue-and-white") pieces on display were made during a brief 20-year period during the early seventeenth century when Chinese potters made special porcelains for Japanese tea masters, copying Japanese forms and taste. The popularity of the tea ceremony created a large demand among Japanese and Dutch customers. But when Chinese Emperor Wan-li died in 1620, the court orders from the Imperial Court ceased.

Most pieces today remain in Japan, and were largely unknown until recently.

Museum hours are 10 am to 5 pm daily. □

Ben Hom Drops Out of Supervisorial Race

SAN FRANCISCO — Ben Hom announced last week that he will not be a candidate for the SF Board of Supervisors in 1982. At a dinner for friends and supporters at the Imperial Palace Restaurant, Hom cited business considerations as leading to his decision not to run.

Hom, president of United Federal Savings, ran unsuccessfully for supervisor in 1980 finishing 15th in a field of 67 candidates. He stated that he will continue to remain active in city affairs. □

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C'town Library Holds Riddle Contest for Lantern Festival

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"Too little for one, not right for two, too much for three."

DIFFICULT

"What happens if you buy too much seventeenth and eighteenth century art?"

These are but a small sampling of the English riddles included in the annual Chinatown Library's lantern festival riddle contest. English, Chinese and Vietnamese riddles were featured (some of the Chinese riddles were so difficult that they had been left over after several years of unsuccessful guessing). Some 500 people attended the event.

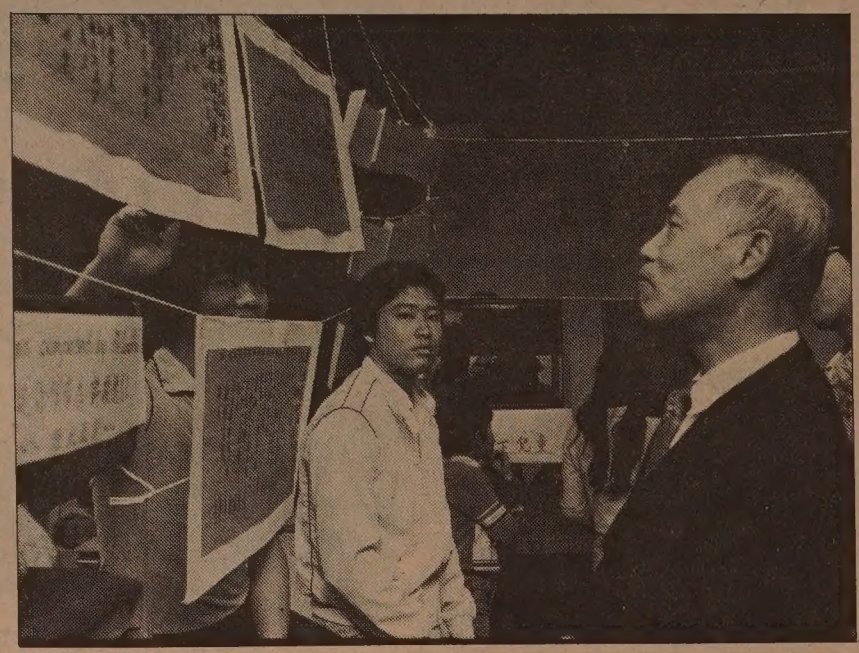
The lantern festival is traditionally celebrated on the fifteenth day of the first lunar month. Although many might light lanterns as early as the first day of the new year, most worked on them during the first few weeks, with the results being displayed at home, on gates and in festive gatherings between the thirteenth and fifteenth day of the first month.

Lanterns would be constructed in a variety of styles, some simple and some complex (some accounts even note the construction of complex lanterns carved from ice, with newly sprouted wheat seeds frozen on the outside and a candle placed inside.) Some would carry characters of auspicious sayings wishing long life, prosperity, many songs, etc., while others carried depictions of historical scenes.

LITERARY

Special boy-lanterns would also be presented in certain towns to childless couples, and were constructed at the neighborhood temple by the trustees and under the alleged intimation of the local god.

In traditional times, during the evening of the fifteenth, women also enjoyed greater freedom, and were allowed to go out in the evening to see displays of lanterns in the streets.



A man ponders some of the old, re-used and unsolved riddles at last Saturday's contest. (Photo by Leland Wong).

It was also on the fifteenth that the tradition of lantern riddles was practiced. Puzzles or riddles would be written on slips of paper, and then pasted lightly onto one end of a four-sided lantern, and then hung in front of houses or in public spots.

Passersby would stop to read the riddles and guess at the answers, often being rewarded with tea, firecrackers, betalnut, a fan or a pencil. The joy of solving the riddles, and not the actual prize offered, often attracted many literary men to the streets during the festival.

Prizes at the Chinatown Library contest included balloons, pencils and erasers, and other small presents. Young and old alike participated, many guessing until they solved at least one riddle. At least 1,000 right guesses were recorded, with one person even guessing the answer to 30 riddles!

Oh yes, the answers to the riddles at the beginning: a cat on a table; the moon; anger; and, 'you become baroque!' □

Apprentices Sought For Electrician Training Program

SAN FRANCISCO — Applications will be accepted the first two weeks of March for Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry's four-year apprenticeship program.

Applicants must be 18, a high school graduate or equivalent, have taken a minimum of one semester algebra with a "C" grade, and be able to work fulltime and attend two night classes weekly in Hayward. A written and oral exam on math aptitude, spatial relations and mechanical comprehension will also be given. Apprentices earn $10 per hour with six-month raises; Journey level electricians earn about $22 per hour and benefits.

For information, contact Bayard Fong or Suan Tam, Chinese for Affirmative Action, 121 Waverly Place, SF, CA 94108; 398-8212. □

Laura Chin Named as OCA Exec. Director

WASHINGTON — The Board of Directors of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) has selected Laura Chin to serve as Executive Director for the next year. Chin will run the OCA National Office in Washington, DC.

Chin, 35, was born in Guangzhou and raised in New York City. She received a Bachelor's Degree in history and economics from Hunter College, and a Master's Degree in Chinese history from George Washington University. She has a long record of involvement with Asian American groups and issues of concern to the community. Chin was chairperson of the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council (APAFEC), publicity associate with the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council, and has served as Washington correspondent for the *San Francisco Journal* and *East/West*.

A writer and editor with the US Commission on Civil Rights and a public information officer for the Special Counsel's Office of the US Merit Systems Protection Board, Chin has also been a lecturer at conferences and has written and edited a number of publications on issues of concern to the Asian American community.

Chin, who begins her position this week, is the first woman to serve as OCA's Executive Director. "I look forward to working with the OCA Board and chapters throughout the country in building the organization into an even more effective voice for the Chinese American community in America," she said.

A nonprofit, nonpartisan national advocacy organization of concerned Chinese Americans, OCA aims to promote active participation of Chinese Americans in civil and national life, secure equal opportunity and treatment of Chinese Americans, and promote the cultural heritage of Chinese and other Asians. □

Oakland OKs Money For Korean Center

OAKLAND — The city council last week approved a $50,000 grant for the establishment of a new site for the Korean Community Center of the East Bay.

Currently, the Center is spread out at three different locations, two downtown, and one in East Oakland. With the new funding, it is hoped that the three sites can be consolidated to a larger building.

"We haven't located a site yet," said Center executive director, Woo-Han Kwang, "but we are putting our full effort into looking and talking to the realtors."

Approximately $150,000 to $200,000 is still needed for the relocation project "targeted to begin sometime this summer," Kwang said.

The Korean Community Center sponsors many programs, including a senior citizen program, a language service, the Korean Community Legal Service, job referral, and the Asian Multilingual Children Center.

Kwang hopes to meet the remaining budget amount through funds from businesses and individuals. For information, contact Woo-Han Kwang, 477-14th St., Oakland, CA 94612; 835-9461. □

$14,000 Fines Levied in Bear Trafficking Case

LOS ANGELES — Three southern California men who pleaded no contest to charges of buying and selling bear parts were ordered to pay more than $14,000 in fines and penalty assessments last Thursday (*E/W*, 1/17/82).

Duk Bo Kim, Michael K. K. Wong, and Robert Soon Park were placed on informal probation for periods ranging from one to three years and ordered to pay fines ranging from $640 to $6,400. In addition, Park and Kim were ordered to pay the state Dept. of Fish and Games $2,000 each to enhance the animal population.

According to deputy city attorney Jonathan Leo, most of the charges involved the trafficking of bear gall bladders. He said Park and Kim bought the bear parts from northern California poachers and out-of-state hunters and then sold them in Asian American communities for a profit, according to the *LA Times*. □

JAM Sponsors Literary Contest

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japantown Art and Media Writers' Workshop is sponsoring their second annual literary contest for high school students. There will be three prizes of $25, $50, and $75 in poetry and short story categories. Any student currently enrolled in a high school is eligible to enter.

One or more poems and/or stories that deal with some aspect of Asian American/Pacific Islander life or culture may be submitted. Name, address, grade level, name of high school and a self-addressed stamped envelope, should be included with them. All should be sent to JAM Workshop, 1852 Sutter St., SF 94115, Attn: High School Contest. Deadline is May 15. For information, call Doug Yamamoto, 763-3532.

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New Rail Exhibit Stresses Chinese Role in Laying Tracks

By JEANNIE LOOK

SACRAMENTO — "People should realize that the Chinese were in California — not just as a separate entity — and that there were many who sacrificed their lives in building the railroads," said historian Phil Choy. An exhibit entitled, "The Chinese American Experience" at the California State Railroad Museum now through March 22nd should be instrumental in introducing the Chinese American experience building the railroads.

The new exhibit, which explores the struggles and triumphs of the Chinese who braved discrimination and hardships to become a major labor force in the building of the West's railroads, came into being after a critical response by individuals and groups who objected to the exclusion of the Chinese contributions in the last year's railroad exhibit at the Museum, according to Choy.

CONTEXT

"As the museum is now (before the new exhibit), it shows a lot of machinery," he said. "I admit I like seeing trains too," Choy continued, but the museum exhibits tended "to promote that the history of the West was done by white people and minorities are the benefactors of the progress."

"The Chinese American experience should be placed within the perspective of American history and not just as an appendage of it," he said.

The Chinese were at first considered too weak and small in stature to take on hard railroad labor. Only 50 Chinese were hired by the Central Pacific Railroad Company on a trial basis in 1865. But they soon proved to be able and industrious workers, and by 1868, there were approximately 12,000 Chinese working on the Central Pacific Railroad through the Sierra Nevada.

Despite receiving poorer wages for longer work hours than white laborers, the Chinese worked on the most difficult and dangerous part of the construction. Along the steep face of Cape Horn,1,400 feet above the American River, Chinese workers were lowered in baskets to set explosives in the rocks. Other jobs included tunneling Donner Summit during heavy snow and working through fierce winters which buried camps and carried men away in avalanches.

SACRIFICED

On June 24, 1867, the Chinese workers struck, demanding an increase in wages, shorter work hours and an end to physical intimidation and harrassment by white overseers. The strike failed, but wages for the Chinese increased by $9 per month to $35, equivalent to the salary of white laborers who maintained shorter work hours.

When the Central Pacific Railroads finally linked with the Union Pacific at Promontory Point in Utah, May 10, 1868, the Chinese were not included in the celebration commemorating the completion in spite of their crucial involvement.

The Chinese laborers were later, discharged and set on their own. Many settled in areas around the railroads; others continued to work on the Southern Pacific lines to Los Angeles, Oregon and Texas.

The exact number of Chinese who died building the railroads is unknown, but according to a 1870 newspaper account, the remains of approximately 1,200 bodies were sent back to China during the period.

"There were many Chinese who sacrificed their lives in building the railroads," Choy noted, although history books made little reference to them. "Even when the Chinese were forced to leave the railroads, other minorities took their place. To people who see (the current exhibit), all these people don't exist," he said.

MINORITIES

Assemblyman Art Agnos was initially concerned over the "slighting" of the role of Chinese in railroads and contacted the Chinese Historical Society for their opinion, Choy, who is on the CHS board of directors and a major contributor to the new exhibit, explained. The two groups later contacted the State Department of Parks and Recreation who agreed to put together an exhibit on Chinese Americans and set a tentative plan for other such cultural heritage events reflecting the role of minorities in developing California. Director of State Parks, Peter Dangerman, pledged his support to work in changing the Museum to "put railroad building in its proper perspective," Choy said.

With the participation of poet/playwright Genny Lim, historian Connie Yu, and Choy, material for "The Chinese American Experience" was compiled by the Dept. of Parks and Rec. earlier this year from previously produced exhibits.

The first gallery is an Angel Island exhibit consisting of part of an exhibit previously produced by the Kearny Street Workshop and a slide show narrated by Yu on the history of Angel Island.

The second gallery includes an exhibit on the lifestyles of early Chinese, and the third gallery is a railroad exhibit dealing with the role of the Chinese in building the railroad, and a documentary film of the same nature, "Gam San Haak", which was produced by Choy and author Him Mark Lai ten years ago.

SERIES

The decision to devote an entire gallery to Angel Island was made in light of the fact that practically all Chinese laborers who worked on the railroad came by way of Angel Island.

"Angel Island played an integral part in the building of the railroads," explained Genny Lim, author of *Paper Angels*, a play set around Angel Island. An exhibit cannot be complete without acknowledging Angel Island "where virtually all early Chinese immigrants were detained for weeks and months," she said.

"The Chinese American Experience" is expected to be one in a series of cultural heritage events to be hosted by the Dept. of Parks and Rec. and funded through the Artist-in-Parks grant from the California Arts Council and the Dept. of Parks and Rec. Through public and private donations, the event will raise money for a foundation in the State Parks and Rec. earmarked for the Angel Island renovation project and other cultural heritage projects within the park system.

(Funds raised for the Angel Island project will go towards restoring barracks, docks and other structures. Approximately $50,000 to $60,000 is still needed by the Angel Island Immigration Station Advisory Committee (*E/W* 2/10/82) to complete the project which is slated for completion in time for a centennial commemoration of the 1882 Exclusion Act on May 6.)

For information, contact Dr. Nellie Arnold, Arts and Cultures, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 445-2358. □

Chinese railroad workers watch completed railroad in Sierra Nevada mountains.

Chinese laborers

Lillian Seto Gives Brush Painting Class

SACRAMENTO — Artist Lillian Seto will present an introduction to Chinese brush painting and a demonstration, March 4, and a master class from 10 am to noon, March 6 at the "Chinese American Experience" exhibit.

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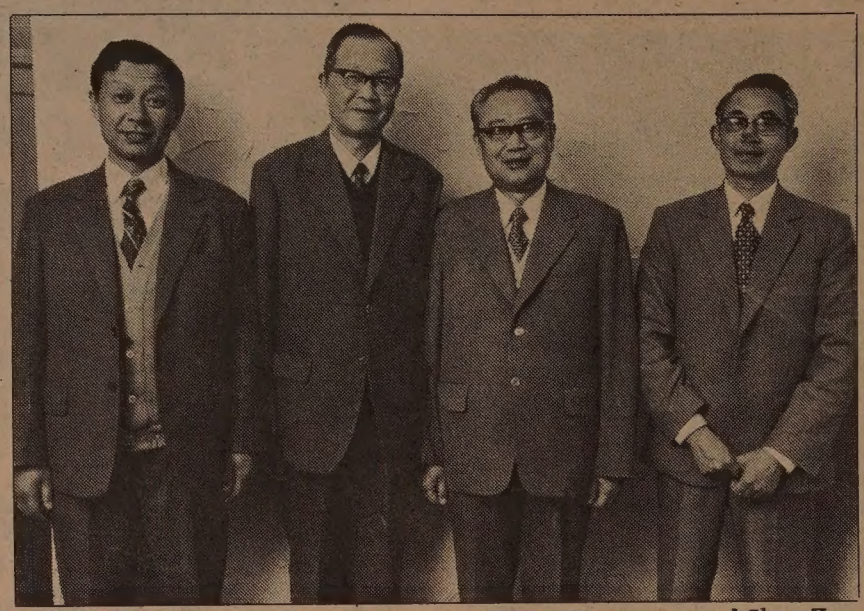
Shanghai Engineers Visit SF On Study Tour of Public Works

By MARY CASTAGNOZZI

SAN FRANCISCO — A group of four municipal engineers from SF's sister city of Shanghai are winding up their month-long visit to the Bay Area, and preparing to use what they have learned here to take back to help tackle the massive sanitation and public works problems of Shanghai.

While the engineers are impresed with local sanitation and public works projects, they admit that projects of such a grand scale as SF's new water outfall project will be slow in coming to Shanghai.



Chen Kang-zheng, Sheng Jian-kang, Zheng Ding-neng and Shen Ze will complete a month-long tour of the SF Bay Area Sewage and Public Work facilities on Feb. 27. (Photo by Leland Wong)

DIFFICULTY

"The original plans for the outfall project were extremely large, $2.3 billion, although they have since been altered to $900 million. We consider this to be a very large project. And the cost is quite a lot, considering that the population is only 680,000 and the area served is only 50 square miles," noted the study group's leader, Zheng Ding-neng, who is deputy director and senior enginer at the Bureau of Shanghai Municipal Engineering Works.

Zheng's department, in comparison, must provide services for and contend with the waste produced by 6 million people in an area of around 90 square miles. (The metropolitan area, which includes some surrounding rural areas, contains a total of 11 million people in an area of 3,700 square miles.)

"To gather so much money so quickly would be a great difficulty for us," Zheng noted. Upon their return, Zheng and his group will discuss methods they have observed with other study groups sent to Japan and Europe, and will divide the problem up into specific areas. Later, specialists will outline a long-term plan for dealing with the problem of pollution.

"The problem in Shanghai is very great, and we will not be able to solve it overnight. However, I will say that each day it will improve some," Zheng said, expressing recognition of the problems but unsure of what will be done first.

POLLUTION

Much of Shanghai's waste still doesn't undergo sufficient — if any — processing. Zheng said that currently two secondary sewage treatment plants, each with a capacity of 26.4 million gallons, are in the works, with a completion date set for two to three years from now.

Although these are estimated to have the capacity to serve around one million people, such will not be the case. The use of any given sewage plant depends upon its location, and since in many areas industries are mixed with residences, sewage will not be the only waste treated. Sheng Jian-kang, vice director of the Shanghai Municipal Engineering Design Institute pointed out.

Industrial pollution of both air and water, as well as noise pollution, are also major problems. Zheng rated pollution problems being second, following the problem of housing and preceding traffic problems.

Because nearly 50 square miles of the city's 93 square-mile area are comprised of the old diplomatic sections and buildings built up by foreign powers in the late nineteenth century and left intact following 1949 (in contrast to many of the cities which were burned by the Nationalists fleeing Japanese during the Second World War), roadway and transportation planning the densely-populated city are difficult.

TRANSPORTATION

Within the old section, housing and small industry-type factories are mingled. In the new sections, housing is separate from heavy industry areas, and factories are grouped by industry (chemical, television, machinery, etc.).

Public transportation, which is woefully inadequate for the demands placed upon it, is used some one million times a day, according to Chen Kangzheng, vice director and engineer of the Shanghai Municipal Engineering Administration Department. The heavy use comes not only from local workers, but also from the many Chinese tourists who visit Shanghai, which is known on the mainland for its fashions, bicycles and variety of attractions. Traffic congestion — masses of bicycles combined with busses and other traffic often end up in jams — is a major problem. Supply of busses is not, however, troublesome. Shanghai manufactures its own buses, gasoline-engine models and exports them as well.

Some industries use the sludge produced by nearby sewage treatment plants to produce biogas (methane) to help offset some of the factories energy needs, but this generally can account for only a fraction of the energy used, according to Shen Ze, engineer at the Shanghai City Sewage Administration Department. Various forms of energy — from methane, to coal, to coal-gas, to electricity — are used in different parts of the country depending on the source most convenient to the locale. Energy use, however, pose problems for Shanghai, as well as the national as a whole.

PROPORTION

Shanghai maintains standards for water and air pollution, similar to those in the US, but without any of the control exercised here. "Our regulations are similar to yours, but we're not very strict with them," Chen said. "We have no control. At a given locale, the pollution levels can change from day to day, and we don't have methods or regulations to really follow through."

Shanghai produces one-seventh of China's income and exports one-fourth of China's exports, but the government money they would receive for public works projects is only a small porportion of the capital costs needed.

The engineers' tour, which is sponsored through the SF as part of a sister-city pact, included visits to the state highway department, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, the California Regional Water Quality Control District, as well as to numerous factories and sites in SF's public works department. A similar trip to Shanghai was made by SF Public Works Director Jeffrey Lee in 1980 (*E/W* 1/28/81). The Shanghai engineers expressed their appreciation of American hospitality, and looked forward to closer cooperation between SF and Shanghai. □

NY Apartments for Elderly Receive $22,000 Pledge

NEW YORK — The board of directors of the Chinese Christian Home for the Aged in NY recently pledged $22,000 to help furnish the lounge and dining rooms of the Hong Ning Apartments for the elderly, which are scheduled for completion in early 1983.

The money represents the principal and accumulated interests of contributions collected about 15 years ago by a group of citizens concerned about housing for the elderly. At the time, there were no federal financing programs available, so the money was banked until it could be contributed to a project for the elderly.

Directors of the donor group include Paul Fletcher, Willie B. Wong, Norman Lau Kee, John F. Huang, and James Mark. The Hong Ning Apartments will contain 155 units for the elderly and are sponsored by the Chinatown Planning Council Housing Development Fund. Additional donations are being sought for equipment and furnishings not covered by the federal mortgage money now being used to build the project. □

Bay Area Social Workers Meet Mar. 2

SAN FRANCISCO — The Bay Area Asian Social Workers will have its quarterly clinical conference on Tues., Mar. 2, from 7-9 pm, at the Chinatown YMCA, 855 Sacramento, second floor; 776-0808. The topic will be "The Resistant Chinese Family: Role-playing and Bilingual/Bicultural Interventions." □

Prof. Robert Bau Named Science Fellow

LOS ANGELES — Robert Bau, professor of chemistry at the University of Southern California (USC), has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at its recent annual meeting in Washington, DC. A fellow of the AAAS is described as "a member whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished."

Bau holds two USC Associates Awards for teaching and research excellence and is listed in Outstanding Educators of America.

Born in Shanghai, Bau earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Hong Kong and his Ph.D. from UCLA. He was a post-doctoral research fellow at Harvard for a year before he joined the USC faculty in 1969. In 1977, at the age of 33, he became a full professor. He lives in Monterey Park with his wife and two children. □

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A/PA Educators Drill Wilson Riles on Issues, Policies

SAN FRANCISCO — California superintendent of public education Wilson Riles was sharply questioned by Asian educators last week on his record of hiring Asians in the Dept. of Education and his stand on bilingual education. Riles, who is facing his first serious election challenge since he took the post in 1970, was the guest at a panel discussion hosted by the Federation of Asian Pacific Democratic Clubs at Commodore Stockton Elementary School.

REALITY

Riles was asked several times about why the Dept. of Education has only 4.3% Asians, most of whom are in clerical positions. Chieu Pham of the Center for Southeast Asian Refugees noted that although there are 6,000 Southeast Asian refugees in the SF unified school district there are no Southeast Asian social workers. Riles was also asked why there are no Filipinos in top positions in the department.

"Let me tell you what the reality is — I am there dedicated to fairness, but you have to meet us half way. . . If you have a list of people anxious to work at our salary level, send it over to me," Riles replied.

"We are not up to parity at the top executive levels, and I'll do something about that," he promised. He noted that there were no Asians in professional positions before he became superintendent and that he recently appointed an Asian, Robert Lee, as head of the department's affirmative action program.

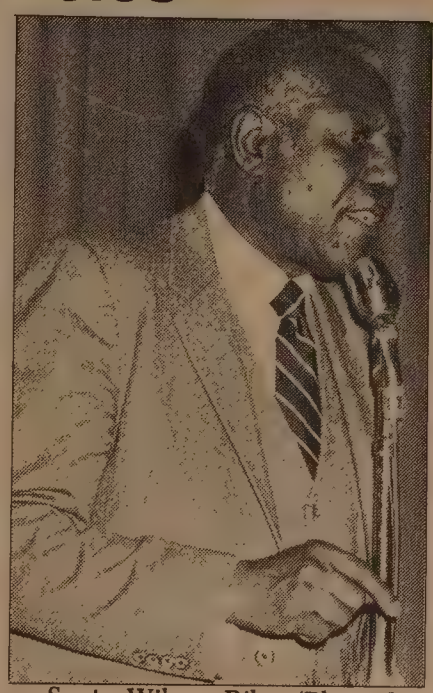
(According to education administration consultant Elena B. Wong, there are 55 Asians (4%) at the professional level of the department, four Asians (2%) at the managerial level, and one Asian (2%) among the top 50 officials in the state.)

MONEY

Riles stated his strong opposition to block grants and warned of a 41% cut in current federal funding levels by 1983-84. He pointed out that most federal programs now are "categorical" — aimed specifically at groups such as the handicapped, the disadvantaged, the bilingual, and the gifted. With block grants, he foresees a sitaution where parents of handicapped children will be pitted against parents of bilingual or disadvantaged children.

"We don't need that — we need all the money. I will not be placed in a position where I have to favor one need over another," he vowed. He called on parents to "let it be known to your congressional representatives and the President that until adequate money is there to serve everyone, we don't need any block grants."

Riles answered queries about his commitment to bilingual education by saying that he had "shed blood" for bilingual education and intiated it in the Dept. the Education.



Supt. Wilson Riles (Photo by Leland Wong).

"I don't believe any youngster should be made to feel bad because they happen to come from a home where they don't speak English," Riles said, claiming that quality education demands bilingual education. "The bottom line is that those children will have to speak English functionally as quickly as they can so that they can hold jobs and function in society," he added.

SUPPORT

His voice rose to a roar when he considered the impact of funding cuts on bilingual education. "We are about to lose this, do you understand?" he shouted, calling on supporters to testify with him on the need for special education programs before legislative committees. "If you won't, I'll go alone, but if I have your support, we can. . . do the job that needs to be done."

"What good would it be to win the battle of the things we stand for and then lose the war because of lack of money?" he lamented.

Ling-chi Wang, chairman of the Asian American studies program at UC Berkeley pointed out that Commodore Stockton served as the "Oriental public school" until segregated schools were outlawed in 1947.

Wang also noted that from observing his own children's textbooks, he found that while they were sensitive to black history and concerns, they did not display comparable levels of sensitivity to the issues of Asian Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.

Riles responded, "If you think they're bad now, you should have seen them 10 or 15 years ago," adding that he worked for a law which prohibits presenting any ethnic group in an unfavorable light. Now textbooks are screened by citizens' committees which include minority representatives.

"From my end, Dick and Jane have some new friends," he joked.

The audience listened to Supt. Riles respond to audience and panel questions on educational issues and policies. (Photo by Leland Wong).

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Public Utilities Commission of the City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 1982 for the purpose of considering projects for which financial assistance is being sought from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964, as amended, generally described as follows:

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At the hearing, the Public Utilities Commission will afford an opportunity for interested qersons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, environmental, and economic aspects of the projects. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence ana recommendations with respect to said project.

A draft copy of the application, the General Manager, Public Utilities Commission's recommended budget 1982-1983 upon which the application is based, the Muni Five-Year Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for the area are currently available for public inspection in Room 287, City Hall, San Francisco, California 94102.

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Commerce H.S. Plans Reunion

HAYWARD — The Alumni Association of the High School of Commerce of SF is trying to locate all former students, teachers, and staff members for a reunion planned for June 12. For information contact Rod Ricciarelli, 4271 Bidwell Dr., Fremont 94538; 656-7702. □

Shop Owner Alleges Tight Monopoly on Japanese Visitors

SAN FRANCISCO — An SF gift shop owner recently filed a $24 million antitrust suit against 19 northern California gift ships, tour operators, and travel agencies which cater to Japanese tourists. Steve Conn, owner of Ni Kai Do at 23 Grant Ave. and Western Gallery in the SF Hilton, charged that "US business operations are prevented from fairly competing" for the shopping business of Japanese tourists, according to the *SF Examiner*.

Conn is currently on trial for federal gun charges.

The defendants being sued by Conn are subsidiaries, agents, or joint venturers of Japan-based wholesale tour operations, except Franciscan Bus Lines, which is chartered by the tour operators. These businesses attempt "to isolate and maintain exclusive control over Japanese tourists" in the area, the suit charges.

REBATE

Japanese tourists are warned by tour guides not to shop in certain stores, including Conn's, because they engage in "fraudulent" practices and charge higher prices for inferior goods, according to the suit. Shops named as defendants are claimed to be the only "honest" ones in the city.

In fact, Conn's shops actually charge less for the same merchandise offered in the defendant shops, the suit states. It alleges that the Japanese-affiliated shops pay a "secret rebate" to the tour operators which is then "recycled back to parent corporations in Japan."

Conn claimed his business dropped 80% after he became the target of a boycott by the tour operators four years ago for refusing to pay the secret rebate. Lost business has amounted to $3 million a year, he estimated.

Conn went on trial last week in federal court on charges of being an ex-felon illegally in possession of six guns, some of which were sold to him by SF police officers without receipts. (Conn was convicted for illegal gambling in 1971.)

HARASSING

Asst. US attorney Robert Feldman said he will introduce the testimony of Philip Marigman, 21, and Kevin Chao, 22, who allege that Conn threatened them with a gun on Easter in 1980 at Ni Kai Do.

Several police officers who moonlighted for Conn testified that they provided Conn with guns or knew he had guns, but denied knowing that he was an ex-felon. Conn, however, testified that the officers had forced him to hire them for "protection" that he did not want or need and pressured him into buying the guns over his protest that he could not do so legally.

Conn earlier charged that the FBI-SF Police Dept. investigation of him was initiated by his Japanese tour industry competitors. Prosecutors say the investigation resulted after Conn's competitors complained that Conn's employees, including the off-duty cops, were harassing them. □

Amerasia Features Japanese American WWII Experiences

LOS ANGELES — *Amerasia Journal's* winter issue, just published by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, is devoted to redress and reparations for 110,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated during the Second World War. Included are selected testimonies from last year's West Coast hearings of the Commission on War Relocation and Internment of Civilians which relate the social, cultural, and economic losses sustained by first, second, and third generation Japanese Americans over the past 40 years.

Also included are "Breaking Silences," a poem by Janice Mirikitani, which captures the mood of these nationwide hearings, and "The Myth of Census Confidentiality," an article by Richard Okamura, which documents the US Census Bureau's illegal disclosure of confidential census data on Japanese Americans to evacuation authorities.

Articles on Pilipino Americans are also included in this special 225-page issue. Jack K. Masson and Donald Giumary discuss the historical role of Pilipinos in the early Alaskan canned salmon industry and the first unions, and a second article by Barbara Posadas studies interethnic marriages between Pilipino men and white working class women in Chicago.

Other contributions include Shih-shan Henry Tsai tracing of the emergence of Chinese nationalist organizations in America, and UC Berkeley's Elaine H. Kim's story on author Maxine Hong Kingston.

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Benny Yee Joins Mayor's Committee on Econ. Development

SAN FRANCISCO — Last Thursday Mayor Dianne Feinstein appointed Benny Yee, president of Hopkins Development, Inc., to her Special Advisory Committee on Economic Development. This 12-member task force, which includes business and labor leaders, will work with the mayor to create jobs and fight unemployment. □

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Report from Berkeley's A/PA Studies Confab

By HENRY WOON

BERKELEY — "Go east young man! Go east young man/" could be hard, if one had a H. G. Well's Time Machine, during the panel on Chinese American Local History during the second annual conference by the Association for Asian Pacific American Studies. In his talk on the Chinese Community in Washington DC, 1880-1980, Douglas Lee, professor of Asian American Studies at the University of Washington, traced Chinese migration.

"When China opened its ports to the Western world, it was the Cantonese who followed the Westerners as their middle persons. Soon Cantonese Chinese were found in Korea, Japan and Hawaii. Once these Cantonese were on the US mainland, they took the overland trail which lead them to the Midwest and the East Coast. The Chinese who settled in the Midwest and the East Coast did not live in a Chinatown, but lived in an integrated society."

POPULARITY

Two other panelists focused on Boise, Idaho. They reported that in the 1800s the Chinese represented 25% of the total population of Idaho, with the Louie Kwong Fong clan dominating the area. Among them there was a Chinese doctor known as Chuck Fong and called Ah Fong.

"His popularity was so great in the state that when his first wife died in 1901, it was the biggest funeral that Boise and the state ever had. One of her pallbearers was the governor of the state. And when Ah Fong himself died two governors of Idaho acted as pall bearers," reported Paul Buell of Alpha Omega Research and Chris Muench of the University of San Francisco.

It was pointed out during this session that the Chinese population in Idaho eventually dwindled to practically nothing because of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which prevented Chinese form immigrating into the US.

Daniel Chu of the Chinese Culture Center then took the opportunity to tell the audience that on Saturday, May 8, the Chinese Culture Center will commemorate the hundredth anniversary year of the Chinese Exclusion Act.)

Because of man's inhumanity to man during this period, many literate Chinese poured out their feelings in writing. The researchers in the panel on Chinese American liteature discussed these works. Judy Yung read five poems in both Chinese and English from her book *Island*, which she compiled with Him Mark Lai and Genny Lim. A recently discovery, the poems were written on the walls of Angel Island in Chiense by Chinese immigrants who waited for days, weeks and months before the officials were satisfied with their questionings.

LONELY

Another recent find were the songs of lonely Cantonese women who lamented their lack of companionship, lack of emotional support and lack of having the one they loved with them. Using a tape recorder Lily Lee recited the songs to the beat of a wooden fish. Poems of the enforced bachelorhood of Chinese men in San Francisco, printed in a 1910 anthology, were translated by Marlon Hom. Some were read in English.

Of the future, the audience learned that John Tchen, of the New York Chinatown History Project, will be coming out with an exhibit titled "8 Lbs Livelihood," which deals with the history of the Chinese laundry business in New York City. In his talk, Chen also mentioned that statistically New York City now has the largest Chinese population outside of Asia with Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu following, in that order.

On the panel on Asian Americans the mass media, filmmaker Norman Jayo of the Community Information Network gave the audience an excerpt preview of *Quiet Thunder*, the life of the Filipinos in the US. Both the radio program and video tape are based upon the writings of Carlos Bulosan. The radio version will be aired over KFIA on April 1 and 2. The video tape version has just been completed by Visual Communications.

IMAGES

The audience broke out in laughter when Loni Ding, TV producer, compared Asian American images projected by the mass media and by Asian Americans themselves. When Mike Wallace in *60 Minutes* asked Mrs. Chinn Ho whether there were any poor Chinese in Hawaii, the audience laughed at her reply, "I've not seen any." A different type of laughter was heard when Ding showed clips of the award winning video tape *Bean Sprout*. The tape showed Chinese American values, feelings and methods of solving problems in an integrated Chinatown setting.

Writer John Kawamoto of the *SF Examiner* reported that after writing on the internment hearings, he received a few hate letters for being a Japanese American and accusing him of being a traitor. He charged that *The Wall Street Journal* mixed apples with oranges when its editorial dismissed the internment by saying that the Japanese Americans in the relocation camps suffered less than the soldiers in New Guinea and Iwo Jima.

"The *Indianapolis News* used fiction to say that prior to the Pearl Harbor attack Japanese were coming into this country in droves to become American citizens as soon as possible for the purpose of jointing the occupational forces, should Japan win the war. Fact: Beginning with the Immigration Act of 1924 Japanese were denied both citizenship and immigration privileges. Only after McCarran-Walter Immigration Bill of 1952 were Japanese allowed for naturalization and token immigration," he continued.

OPPRESSIVE

In the panel on politics in the Vietnamese American community, the audience was taken back to Vietnam to see its oppressive conditions. Nguyen Nuy of Harvard University summarized why he and thousands left Vietnam by quoting a story with a Confucian parable that an oppressive government is more to be feared than a fierce tiger. (苛政猛於虎). Nguyen Huan Ton of SF thought chances of the non-Communist Vietnamese retaking the country is nil because the south, with its factions of Catholics and Buddhists, was never united then and could not unit now.

Moderator Doug Lee, summarizing the session, noted that Vietnamese Americans have made great strides, and have compressed in the past five years what it took a minority like the Chinese 100 years to accomplish. The newly formed Vietnamese American Democratic Club was used as one example.

Other panels dealt with social service delivery, social slervice networks, clinical services, culture and health, Asian American Women, education, Asian Pacific Islanders relations, Japanese Americans, Asian Indians.

The next conference will be held in UCLA two years from now. □

Confab for Third World Counselors Set for March

BERKELEY — The Third World Counselors Association will have its seventh annual conference, titled "Dynamics of Multi-Cultural Counseling: Politics, Power, Practitioners, and People," on Mar. 18, 19, 20 at the UC-Berkeley campus.

The conference will focus on the importance of collectively dealing with all segments of American society which affect Third World people. The conference first started in 1975 out of a need for Third World counselors to develop a broader support system among themselves and to share academic research, social concerns, and political issues. The major ethnic groups in California — black, La Raza, American Indian, and Asian and Pacific Islanders — are represented in the 300-member organization.

Regular pre-registration fee, if received by Mar. 1, is $60, and $70 after Mar. 1, and student registration fee is $30. Send checks to: Third World Counselors Conference, c/o Student Learning Center, Bldg. T-8, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. For information, call 642-5135. □

Fellowships in Education Available

WASHINGTON — The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) of the Institute for Educational Leadership is accepting applications. A fellow attends education seminars and, as a staff assistant, observes the policymaking process. Candidates must be college graduates, have significant professional work experience, give evidence of leadership ability, and not have had worked on the federal level.

For an application, write to Education Policy Fellowship Program, 1001 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20036. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before Apr. 2. The program will begin in October. □

Japanese American Fellows at UCLA

LOS ANGELES — The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) is offering a Japanese American Postdoctoral Fellowship for the 1982-83 academic year. The $12,000 fellowship hopes to allow young scholars to develop their research in the field of Japanese American studies with an aim towards publication.

A curriculum vitae, research proposal and three letters of recommendation should be sent to Professor Fred G. Noitehelfer, Chair, Japanese American Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee, c/o Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

All application materials must be received by April 1. Selection of recipient will be made by April 15. For information, contact the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (213) 825-2974. □

Yolanda Ting accompanying a violinist.

Yolada Ting Performs Piano Solos Feb. 28

SAN FRANCISCO — Pianist Yolanda Ting will perform her second SF solo recital Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 pm at the Music and Arts Institute, 2622 Jackson Street. The program will include the Haydn F. Minor Air Variations, Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata, the entire Opus 119 of Brahms and the Fuerailles by Liszt.

Ting is a winner of a 1982 Outstanding Performer Scholarship at the Music and Arts Institute and has attended the Institute's music program since 1980. Prior to coming to SF, she studied at the Central Conservatory, Sun Yang Conservatory and the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in China, and later taught at Harbin University.

The concert is free. For information, contact Ross McKee, 567-1445. □

Stanford Center Named for Donor Wilson T. S. Wang

STANFORD — A dedication ceremony was held recently opening the new Wilson T. S. Wang Library in the medical center's division of otolaryngology/head and neck surgery. The library was named in honor of Wang, a former patient, who donated $108,000 towards its development. Wang is the owner and director of Hong Kong's New Method College which consists of five private elementary and high schools. □

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KTVU's *Asians Now!* Continues To Address Asian American Issues

By RICHARD SPRINGER

OAKLAND — The ethnic consciousness movement broke like a great wave upon the local television stations in the early 1970s. Station managers were loath to admit it, but they were extremely sensitive to lobbying efforts by minority activists and the implied threats of licence renewal challenges before the Federal Communications Commission.

One of the most active media pressure groups was the Chinese Media Committee of Chinese for Affirmatve Action (CAA). The Media Committee in some cases initiated ideas for programming and at other times supplied talent or just served as a watchdog agency nipping at station managements' heels.

Serena Chen (Photo by Henry Lim).

IMPRESSIVE

Some pretty impressive programs came out of the era. KRON (Channel 4) worked closely with Chinese American historians recommended by the Media Committee to develop *Gam San Haak*, a six-part history of the Chinese experience in California (*E/W* 5/8/74).

Chinatown Our Home broke new ground (*E/W* 9/6/72) as the first Cantonese-language drama shown locally on a major TV station (KGO-TV, Channel 7). The multi-part Chinese language series, *Sut Yung Ying Yee* was run and rerun on KPIX, Channel 5 (*E/W* 11/15/72). The *Open Sudio* format at the education station, KQED, brought together newly-trained minorities with community producers (*E/W* 12/20/72).

Across the SF Bay in Oakland, KTVU-TV, Channel 2, took a similar, but slightly different approach. They decided to go out into the community and *hire* minority hosts and producers. What the applicant knew about the community was more important than what the person knew about television production.

NEEDS

The show that Channel 2 created in 1975 to address the needs of the Asian communities was *Asians Now!* and one of the eight Asian American co-hosts selected was Serena Chen. Now over seven years later, Chen is the sole host of a program that exemplifies Channel 2's steady, continuing commitment to the Asian American community.

Asians Now!, still at its 9 am Saturday time period, has had its share of upheavals. The Korean American host Elaine Kim charged that station management capitulated to lobbying pressures from the South Korean government by showing a pro-South Korean documentary (*E/W* 9/23/81). There were also some complaints when Channel 2 decided to drop the alternating Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino American shows in favor of a magazine-style Asian American program with one host. But generally, *Asians Now!*, under Channel 2's community affairs director Ian Zellick has been a rock of consistency in the sliding gravel pit of local television public affairs departments.

ACCIDENT

Chen's hiring in 1974 by Channel 2 came by accident. "I was asked to sit on a panel to choose the co-host for *Asians Now!* Our assignment was to hire people with community knowledge and then train them in media skills rather than the other way around."

As a succession of candidates exasperated Chen with their lack of community awareness, she half-seriously, half-jokingly commented, "For a show once a month, I could even do it." The other members of the panel took up her challenge and dared her to get into the interview hot seat. She took up the challenge, answered the questions to their satisfaction, and was selected.

An Oakland Technical High School alumni, Chen has been active in East Bay groups such as East Bay Asians for Community Action. While working part-time at Channel 2 from 1975 to 1980, she was component coordinator for Asian Community Mental Health Services in Oakland. Chen received a masters degree in social work from UC Berkeley and studied with the black activist professor and sports critic Dr. Harry Edwards. She is currently on CAA's Board of Trustees.

When Channel 2 invited Chen to take on the duties of a full-time host and producer she accepted because she felt it was time for a change. "I view myself as a person who likes to help people learn about new things and new ideas. As a therapist or counsellor, you are on a one-to-one basis. . . I view what *Asians Now!* is doing as a dialogue — setting fires under people's behinds — television as a tool for social change," she said.

Some resentment slipped into her voice as she talked about the great strides made by the Asian American activists in Oakland. Implied was the feeling that their accomplishments have been underplayed by the San Francisco-dominated media.

"We were really idealistic. We never thought we could lose and we never did. Asian Health Services, bilingual education in our schools, the adult care community school — at one point we had over 150 students in the adult school," she recalled.

As a free lance producer, Chen had a disappointing experience recently when Governor Brown and state Secretary of Health and Welfare Mario Obledo refused to allow airing of state-financed TV mental health public service announcements (*E/W* 2/3/82). Six segments at a cost of about $85,000 each had been produced to promote the mental health of A/PA Americans, blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and gays. Chen produced and wrote the Chinese American mental health spot. When controversy arose regarding the gay segment's allegedly advocating the gay lifestyle the Asian segment fell victim to similar charges of partisanship. Chen thinks it relevant that both Brown and Obledo are running for statewide office this year and need some conservative support for their campaigns.

Chen wants more feedback from the Asian American community "about issues and what they'd like to see." She has the budget to shoot segments outside the studio two days a month (double the show's previous allotment) and can hire a free lance producer for one segment a month. She is also looking for a non-paid intern who wants to gain experience in TV production. Applicants for the intern position must be registered in a communications course.

Chen is becoming more relaxed on camera and her wry sense of humor and ability for the quick comeback is finally showing through. She just has to not make so obvious her anxiety over cutting short discussion in the new three-segment, half-hour format.

But an impatience with political gamesmanship and an ability for quick one-liners does not make Serena Chen a cynic. Given incentive and opportunity, her idealism bobs to the surface.

"My grandfather was a follower of Sun Yat-sen in the fight for a Chinese republic. My father, Bong Wai Chen, was a Chinese watercolor artists. He died in 1968. But he did something unusual for a Chinese. He wanted to send his daughter to college. He told me, 'You can be what you want to be.' I never forgot what he told me."□

Complexity, Maturity and Anger All Present in *Missing*

PROGRAM NOTES

By RICHARD SPRINGER

Missing, directed by Costa-Gavras, has more emotional impact than Z and greater political complexity than *State of Siege*. It is in every respect the most mature film yet from the politically-minded Greek director.

EVIDENCE

The film begins with a preface that says: "This film is based on a true story. The incidents and facts are documented. Some of the names have been changed to protect the innocent and to protect the film."

Costa-Gavras has been criticized (in a long article by Flora Lewis in the *New York Times* among other places) for trying too hard to link his film with the actual death of a young, American free-lance writer, Charles Horman, during the 1973 Chilean coup. Costa-Gavras obviously believes there is enough evidence to make *Missing* more probable than the claims of those who deny the US government's complicity in the 1973 events.

Regardless of the debate, *Missing* is an angry film and features top-notch performances by Jack Lemmon as the father of the writer and Sissy Spacek as the writer's wife. One scene of Lemmon and Spacek examining corpses for their loved one, and suddenly discovering a body-dotted skylight above them is alone worth the price of admission.

DARING

• *Shoot the Moon* is a daring risk in that the main character, played by Albert Finney, is deliberately exasperating and meant at times to repel the audience. He is undergoing an agonizing mid-life crisis and screenwriter Bo Goldman refuses to cater to the natural audience need to understand more about why Finney and his wife (Dianne Keaton) are splitting apart just when his career as a writer reaches its peak.

The interplay among Finney, Keaton and their four daughters is alternately funny and sad. The ending, however, is excessively grotesque, since Goldman could have made his point about Finney's desperation without such overkill. Keaton is very good and mutes her "la-de-da" mannerisms, but *Shoot the Moon* falls a bit short of taking all the tricks. □

Diane Keaton as Faith Dunlap with her on-screen children in *Shoot the Moon*.

EVENTS

WED, FEB 24, 9-5
Minority Supplier/Subcontractor Utilization Seminar at Stanford Univ. Graduate School of Business, Rm 74. Reservations by Feb 12 to Kimberly Nobles, 543-5545. $50.

FRI, FEB 26 10 am
Public Hearing on Chinatown parking plan with Dept of Public Works, City Hall, Rm 282.

FRI, FEB 26, 7:30 PM
Northern California Asian Peace Officers Assn. Installation Dinner, Silver Dragon Restaurant, 823 Webster St., Oakland. Cocktails at 6:30. 12.50/$10 members from Joy, 788-7300.

SAT, FEB 27, am
Laotian Refugees and the Oakland Museum's Filipino Art Exhibit on KTVU-Ch. 2's *Asians Now!*

SUN, FEB 28, 9:30 PM
"Equality Before the Law" with Judge Lilian Sing on Chinese Newcomers Service Center's "Community Talk," cable channel 26. Cantonese.

SUN, FEB 28, 3 pm
Piano Recital by Yolanda Ting, Music and Arts Institute, 2622 Jackson, SF. Free. 567-1445.

TUES., MAR. 2, 7-9 pm
Bay Area Asian Social Workers Conference on the Chinese family; Chinatown YMCA, 855 Sacramento, 2nd fl., SF. Free. Sue Lim Yee, 776-0808.

THU, MAR 4, 5:30 pm
Asian Bar Assn. of Sacto. Mtg. Sumitomo Bank hospitality room, 1314 Broadway, Sacto. Steve Koyasako, (916) 322-9413, 451-7952.

THU, MAR 4, 6-8 pm
Public Gettogether with Nat'l Asian-American Telecommunication Assn. at Following Sea Restaurant, Pier 39, Stairway 7, SF. No-host bar, free admission. Louise Lo, 864-2000, ext. 331.

THU, MAR 4, 6:30 PM
LA Chinatown Redevelopment Project Area Committee Elections, Castelar Elementary School auditorium, 840 Yale, LA.

SAT, MAR 6, 9 am
Concerns of Southeast Asian Refugees and report on the Hon Sing radio program on KTVU-Ch. 2's *Asians Now!*

SAT, MAR 6, 10 am - noon
Chinese Brush Painting Master Class with Lillian Seto, California Railroad Museum, 3rd fl., 125 I St, Old Sacto, $2 museum admission.

SUN, MAR 7, 9:30 PM
"How to Shop Economically at Supermarkets" on Chinese Newcomers Service Center's "Community Talk," cable channel 26. Cantonese.

THUR, MAR 11 thru THUR, APR 18
12-1-A by Wakako Yamauchi at East/West Players, 4424 Santa Monica, LA 90029; (213) 660-0366. 8 pm Thur thru Sat, 7:30 pm Sun. $9/$8, senior, student, group discounts available.

SAT. MAR13. 6:30 pm
Organization of Chinese Americans, Southern Alameda County Chapter Potluck Dinner at San Felipe Community Center, 2058 D St, Hayward. Bring your own. Beverly Foo, 782-6415.

FRI, MAR 19, 7 pm
Go Hing Night for Chinese Culture Center at Empress of China, 838 Grant, SF. $15/$10. 986-1822.

FRI, MAR 19 thru SUN, MAY 2
"Yellow Fever" by R. A. Shiomi at the Asian American Theater Company, 4344 California, SF, 752-8324.

Ryan Fong Creates Rubik Cube Guide for 'Non-scientists'

By DAVID STRANAHAN

SACRAMENTO — What's in a cube? Some say the ultimate challenge in puzzles, others an interesting toy, while some think the multi-colored boxes would make better paperweights. Fear not. Sixteen-year-old Ryan Fong of Sacramento has some solace for those stumped by Rubik's Cube: a 17-page guide to solve the cube with a maximum of 250 steps, written for "the non-scientific-minded majority."

"It's shorter and the diagrams are a lot clearer than in the other books that are out," said Fong, a junior at John F. Kennedy High School. The majority of the people using the book are able to solve the puzzle within an hour and a half, he said. (Fong himself averages around a minute and 15 seconds.)

COMPLETE CUBE

The idea behind the puzzle is to rotate the sides of the cube until the colored pieces are positioned with one color on each side of the cube. (A word to the naive who think the puzzle can be solved by randomly twisting the cube's sides: the 54 pieces making up the cube can be arranged in over 43 quintillion possible positions; there is only one correct position.)

Despite the odds, Fong says that anybody can learn to solve the cube if they watch out for some common mistakes. "I think the biggest mistake if you're attempting to get the complete cube is forgetting to approach it differently then you would if you were working for only one side," Fong said.

"You can't just get one color on one side because if the other colors don't match up on the sides it won't come out and you'll never end up getting it," he continued.

Fong worked with his friend Dick Fong (no relation) during their lunch breaks at school last September. With the help of his friend Dick, Fong was able to solve the cube in about a week. Friends asking him to make notes for solving the puzzle led Fong to the idea of writing his guide, *The Cube*.

PRINTING

"It was sort of a little project for me that I would have some fun doing. I just basically started by making some copies on a copy machine at my dad's office," Fong recalled. "I hadn't really seriously thought about taking it as far as I have."

Although writing the booklet, said Fong, was relatively easy, getting it ready for the printer was something else. "I think the hardest part was putting it out on the layout board to have it photographed for printing. It took me over 100 hours," Fong recalled.

After selling some of his booklets at school, the next step was getting area markets and bookstores interested. Last December Fong approached Wishing Well Enterprises, a local stationary store, and talked the manager into buying 100 copies of *The Cube*. Wishing Well sold out of the book in two days; Fong was in business. Since then over 3,500 copies have been sold and Fong is gearing up for the book's 5th printing.

"It's all come so fast; everyone has been really supportive and they've helped me in every way they can," Fong said. The author is planning to spread the word about *The Cube* and will be a guest March 3rd on KOVR-TV's "Good Morning California."

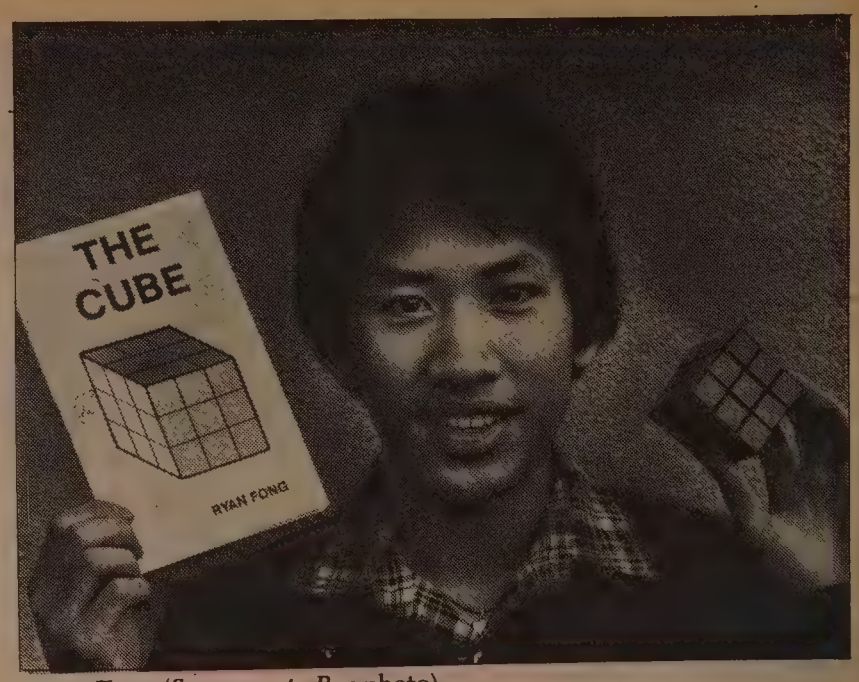
Working on the book takes up a lot of his time, but improving his skill at working the cube is still the name of the game. "The satisfaction I get out of the cube is not just the initial solving of it, but in improving my time and trying new things," Fong explained.

CHALLENGE

Still a ways form the record solution time of 18 seconds, Fong is one of the fastest hands around and can solve the puzzle in 39 seconds.

For joggers and the like who prefer more strenuous exercise, Rubik's Cube may prove a challenge at world class levels. "You're really moving quickly when you get to that point," Fong said. "You're taking all the short cuts possible and turning the cube probably seven to eight times a second. You've got to have really keen eye sight and see things fast."

Adding a new twist to the Rubik riddle, Fong has designed what he calls a "Braille Cube," with six Braille symbols instead of colors on the various pieces. With his eyes closed, Fong has managed to solve the "Braille Cube" in under 2 minutes.



Ryan Fong (*Sacramento Bee* photo).

Though most beginning cubists gasp at the idea of solving the cube at all, let alone under a minute, Fong said it doesn't take a genius to master it. "It's basically memorizing patterns and being able to observe different patterns at different times and knowing what to do when you get to them; it's nothing mathematical," he explained.

SUPPORT

The secret, he said, is working the cube on three levels one at a time: the top, then middle, and bottom. But for the truly stumped, Fong suggests soliciting the help of a veteran cubist who can give the novice some pointers.

Cube purists often argue that the use of "Cube manuals" or taking tips from an experienced pro is nothing short of cheating. "I can see their point that it might take the fun out of it, but the majority of people don't have the time, and unless you have someone helping you it's almost impossible to figure something out like that," Fong said.

Having your own book on the market at age 16 is pretty heady stuff, but Fong seems to take it in stride. "It's just been a lot of fun. I've enjoyed meeting all of the people I've met and getting to experience things that other people don't get to experience until later in life," he commented.

While still searching for a publisher to get his booklet out to more cube enthusiasts, Fong has no lack of moral support. "All my classmates have been really supportive since the beginning; they're all waiting for me to make the bestseller list!" he said. □

Asians Now! Looks At Laotian Society

OAKLAND — *Asians Now!* host Serena Chan will talk to a member of the Lao Theung community and a former representative of the US Refugee Program in Thailand about the Laotian people on the Feb. 27 show. Another guest, Dr. Caroline Naufahu of the National Office of Tongan Affairs, will discuss the concerns of the Tongan community in San Mateo. Also featured in Nanise Lomu, a singer from Tonga, and a report on the Filipino art exhibit at the Oakland Museum.

On its March 6 telecast, *Asians Now!* will interview Jan Stephens, executive director of Catholic Charities, about Southeast Asian refugees' concerns. There will also be a report on the current status of the 11-year-old Hon Sing radio program, a Cantonese-language news show threatened with cancellation.

Asians Now! is shown on Saturdays at 9 am on KTVU-Channel 2. □

Asian Americans in Media Slate Reception

SAN FRANCISCO — National Asian-American Telecommunication Association (NAATA) invites the public to a media get together at the Following Sea restaurant, Pier 39, Stairway 7, on Thur., Mar. 4, from 6-8 pm. There will be entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar. For information, call Louise Lo at 864-2000, ext. 331.

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Business/Finance Notes

Singapore Ponders More Bank Secrecy

SINGAPORE — The Singapore government is expected to announce within the next few weeks measures to allow their banks to offer secret, numbered accounts to their customers, the *Washington Post* recently reported. The announcement, expected to be included within a budget message which would set out policy for the fiscal year beginning in April, follows several months of studying proposals to allow numbered accounts.

Although such a move would certainly boost Singapore's popularity among businessmen, it would undoubtedly doom attempts to conclude a US-Singapore tax treaty, the report said. Although provisions for secret accounts had been written into Singapore's Banking Act of 1970, none have been implemented. One alleged cause for the delay involved a famed court case over $35 million deposited in Singapore by an official of Indonesia's state oil company, Pertamina.

IRONY

In the case, the former president-director of Pertamina who earned a $9,000 a year salary, had deposited considerable amounts prior to his 1976 death. When his wife later tried to withdraw some of the funds, the Indonesian oil company stepped in, arguing that the funds were acquired through corruption and should be returned. The case remains unresolved, although at the time, Singapore was caught between maintaining good relations with Indonesia and tarnishing its banking image by allowing funds to be taken out.

Since only 15% of the $85 million in Singapore's officially designated offshore currency units belongs to individuals (the rest is from financial institutions and corporations, the effect of numbered accounts might not be great. Current secrecy laws, moreover, are already quite strict.

Critics of the numbered account plan also worry about attracting drug traffickers from the Golden Triangle in Southeast Asia. The prospect is a particular irony in light of Singapore's strict narcotics laws, the *Post* noted.

Sri Lanka Opens Free-trade Zone

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA — A new free-trade zone north of Colombo is now considered to be the most attractive site in Asia for businesses seeking low-wage workers. Opened in 1979, the zone is designed to attract intensive, export-oriented industry to a nation where one out of seven people is unemployed; where the balance-of-payments deficit is worsening, and where the average income is less than $250 a year, the *Christian Science Monitor* recently reported.

More than 20,000 workers — mostly young women—stitch or assemble products for export in 50 factories, earning less than a dollar a day. Although foreign investors initially had difficulty training the rural workers, they are now considered to be industrious and efficient.

Free-trade zones, well-established in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea, are now spreading to Malaysai, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and mainland China.

Usually each new zone lures foreign investors with offers of lower wages, tax breaks, and communications and transport facilities. Older zones experience wage increases and thus turn to intensive industries, such as electronics where skills may be more vital than low wages, according to the *Monitor*.

Since 1977 when the United National Party adopted free enterprise in place of a semi-socialist system, Sri Lanka's gross national product has grown 5 to 8% each year. The free-trade zone has served as a welcome mat for overseas companies, and last year the level of investments outside the zone was even greater than inside.

Although the zone has barely affected Sri Lanka's unemployment levels, it has been a catalyst for industrialization. The first investors were mainly Hong Kong textilemakers, but Sri Lanka now hopes to attract shoe companies and electronics firms.

Tax Tips

By HARRY W. TONG

With the liberalization of Keogh contributions allowed under the Economic Recovery Act of 1981, many taxpayers are thinking that the advantages of incorporating a business have been diminished to the point that it does not pay to have the attorney expend the effort to incorporate.

While it is true that the amount which an unincorporated entity may deduct has doubled from a maximum of $7,500 to $15,000, there are still many advantages enjoyed by a corporation which is not available to the unincorporated entity.

BENEFITS

These tax benefits available to a corporation include but are not limited to:

- Death benefits—a corporation may give and deduct up to $5,000 as a death benefit to the spouse of the employee, and this amount is not taxable to the recipient.
- Group term insurance—corporations may provide up to $50,000 of group term insurance and deduct the premiums as a business expense, and these payments are never taxable to the employees.
- Medical expenses—corporations can adopt a medical reimbursement plan and deduct the first dollar paid on behalf of its employees, while a non-incorporated entity can only deduct the excess over 3% of adjusted gross income (making most medical expenses not deductible by the businessman).

FACTORS

- Tax deferral-corporations may establish a combination pensions and profit sharing plan and deduct up to 25% (not to exceed $100,000) of an employee's salary. If properly structured, corporations are not even limited to this $25.000 contribution if they adopt "defined benefit plans." Then the amount deductible depends upon the expected life of the participant, his age, his earnings, etc. and is actuarially computed. It has in some cases been allowedup to $124,500 per year. Obviously, this tax benefit is far superior to the $15,000 that an unincorporated entity can deduct under the past laws.

When is it advantageous to incorporate your business? that depends on many factors and should best be evaluated by a professional. Obviously, if you are earning $100,000 per year, and are spending every last dollar to support your lifestyle, then there is no advantage to be gained by incorporating your business as there are no funds available to take advantage of these tax benefits.

However, if you are earning $75,000 and only require $35,000 to support your lifestyle, then you are probably paying too much in income taxes as a sole proprietor or a partner and should think about incorporating your business.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(C.C.P. Sec. 1277)
No. 790609

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
In the Matter of the Application of
CHARLES PAVER
For Change of Name.

WHEREAS, petitioner CHARLES PAVER, has filed a petition with the Clerk of this Court for an Order changing petitioner's name from CHARLES JOHNSON PAVER to JOHN CHARLES.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entited matter appear before this court at 9:oo A.M., on March 22, 1982, in the Courtroom of Department One, at City Hall, 400 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in EAST/WEST, a newspaper of general circulation printed in the City and County of San Francisco, California, once a week for four (4) successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on thepetition.

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SAN FRANCISCO – "For Asians, the desire to go into business is driven by the need for survival," explained Wilson Chang, director for business development at ASIAN, Inc. "Asians go into business because they can't find a job."

Chang stated that 13% of Asians are in business, while only 8% of whites are. The reason is simple, he said—the language barriers Asian immigrants face often make it impossible for them to continue in the fields they were in before coming to the US. According to Chang, around 65% of Asian businesses are single proprietorships.

FAIR SHARE

"The worst thing is for someone to go into business unprepared," Chang declared. For that reason, ASIAN, Inc. has been providing business development and loan packaging services free of charge for almost a decade. By the end of 1981, they had packaged 411 loans worth $47 million and provided consulting services to thousands more Asian businesses in the Bay Area. "We have one of the best records in the city," Chang said. ASIAN, Inc. is the longest continually operating business development operation in SF.

ASIAN, Inc. business consultants provide management and technical assistance to small business concerns interested in obtaining financing through Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs. Since 1978, funding for the loan packaging service has come from the Mayor's Economic Development Council for businesses in designated "urban revitalization areas." ASIAN, Inc. concentrates on firms located in the North-of-Market, Chinatown, North Beach, and Western Addition areas of SF.

"One of the major purposes of ASIAN, Inc. is to insure that our community gets its fair share of resources," Chang said. "This (SBA program) is one way of bringing back your tax dollars to serve the community."

Business consultant Daniel Chu explained that the process of securing a loan is often long and arduous. Typically, Chu said, the client's first appointment lasts an hour and a half and is spent finding out about the client's needs and resources. ("Often a client will say, 'I need $100,000 and I need it yesterday!'" Chang joked.)

AWESOME

Clients often lack a comprehensive picture of their businesses or of their plans, so the first step is to review the history and structure of the firm, to examine its competitive framework and market strategy, and to evaluate its physical facilities, management, and operations.

"We then work with the client to develop a business plan," explained Chu. The plan may include the purchase of land or a building, construction, renovation, or machinery and equipment purchases. Projected financial statements based on market analyses, cash flow charts, and lists of equipment and their prices are required. Supporting documents such as tax returns and lease agreements are also needed.

"It can be an intimidating and awesome task," Chang said, "and we try to walk through the process with them, especially those with language needs. Often their plans havenot been very well articulated, but by the mere fact of writing them down, they have to make decisions."

Chang estimates that of 10 people who initially intend to apply for funds, only one actually completes the loan application process. "Many times we find that identifying the strong and weak points of their businesses is the most valuable thing we can do for them," he said.

Chang gives the example of a client who has been a restaurant chef for 10 years and has saved $40,000 with which to start his own business. After finding a building and making arrangements with an architect, plumber, and other construction workers, he finds he needs an additional $60,000 to build. "We'd help him to do market studies. Who will his clientele be? How many employees should he have? What should his prices be?" Chang said.

Chu would then plug the chef's financial statements and projections into a mini-computer using a comprehensive formula. The formula would be adjusted and readjusted until the client obtained "a plan he can live with."

"With these figures, we can demonstrate to the banker what the financial strengths and needs of the client are," Chu said. ASIAN, Inc. consultant and client would then take the (by then) inch-thick loan package to a bank, usually one suggested by the client, where it would be reviewed by a loan committee. If approved, it would be sent to the SBA for additional approval.

The SBA loan program works by guaranteeing 90% of the loan given by the bank (up to $550,000). "Nowadays, bankers are very conservative in giving out loans," Chu observed, so once a loan is approved by a bank, SBA approval is fairly automatic. The interest rate is set by the SBA at 2¼% to 2½% above the prime interest rate—a rate far better than could be obtained independently.

Of the 411 loans that ASIAN, Inc. has packaged, about 300 have been granted, due to ASIAN, Inc.'s "credibility with the banks," Chang explained. Once the loans have been granted, the client must deliver quarterly financial statements to the bank and to ASIAN, Inc.

RELATIONSHIPS

Over the years, ASIAN, Inc.'s clients have included restaurants, liquor stores, car repair shops, professional practices, construction firms, boutiques, bakeries, and a tofu manufacturer, Chang said.

Chang urges business people to put together a team. "We want to encourage banking relationships. We advise clients, 'Make friends with your banker when you're doing well—don't wait until you're in trouble or you need money!' "

Besides a banker, every business should have a CPA ("you should always have an objective person look at your financial records") and a lawyer who specializes in business law. Also, every business needs an advisor, "somebody who's been through the the business before and has found solutions. This can save you a lot of wasted effort and money," Chang advised.

"That's one problem of the Chinese community," Chang noted. "We don't have those advisors." There is an "inconsequential number" of second generation businesses in the Chinese community, he said. ASIAN, Inc. tries to fulfill this position and follows three guidelines—it is non-proprietary ("we don't take an interest in anyone's business in any way"), it practices strict confidentiality "because we're a small community," and it it does not charge clients.

Besides the business development division, ASIAN, Inc. includes departments which focus on community development, research and demonstration projects, and human services research. The latter division "comes up with the data to provide the basis for funding," Chang said. "There is little known in Washington about the situation of Asian Americans. We are perceived to be self-sufficent, independent, and well-assimilated...but the reality is that they are looking at the Japanese and thinking they are Chinese," Chang said, adding that the Japanese are much more established in business than the Chinese.

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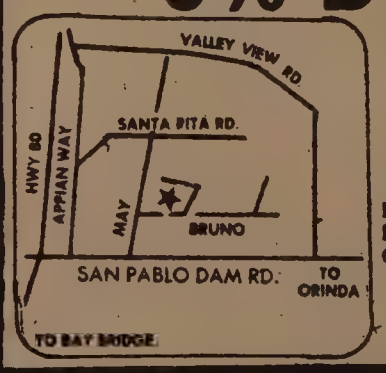

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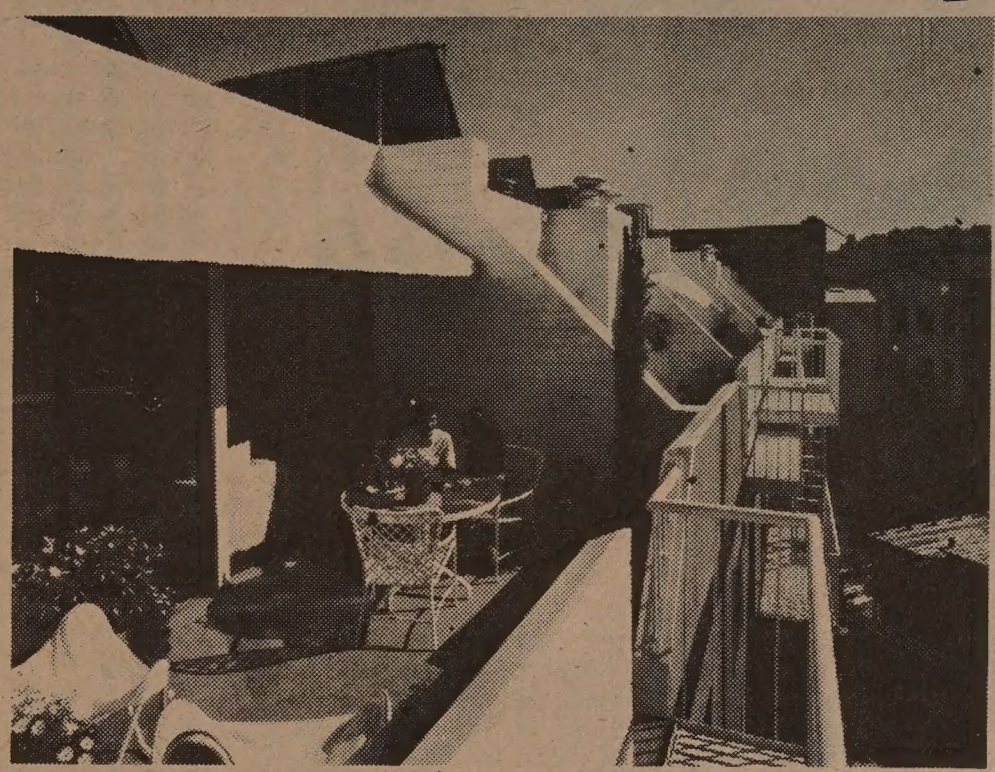

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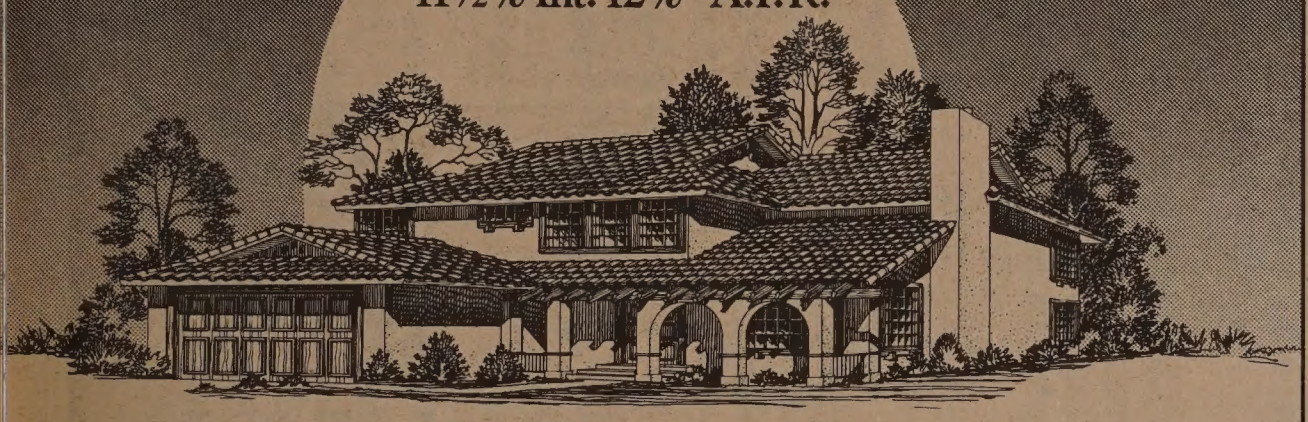

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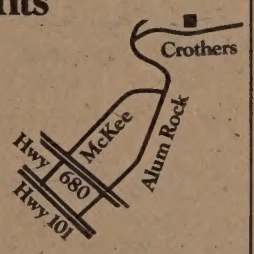

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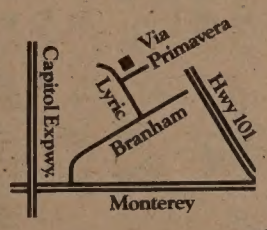

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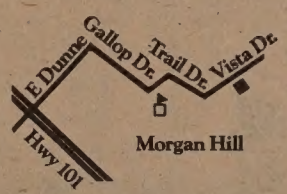

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香港人的急功近利，大概和新界的前途有關，到了一九九七年，英國和中國對新界的租約滿期，以後的命運，誰都不能預卜。我的老師關宇先生描寫香港是一個「沒有明天的城市」，形容合切；既然沒有明天，今天還有甚麼了不起呢？明乎此，香港人雖然載歌載舞，擲萬金而不吝。就是升斗市民，也是「今日有酒今朝醉」；祇是在更闌夜靜時分，人性感觸，誰能不爲那「永遠的家鄉」輾轉難眠呢？

我愛香港，不下於本地人。

以上的觀察，並不表明我憎恨香港；當然，我很難擠入香港人所勞碌追逐的行列。正因如此，我眞想在他們面前高聲疾呼一聲：「同胞們，回頭是岸！」我愛香港，不下於本地人。

偶然間，我在馬路上拾到一份舊報紙，裏面有一段新聞說，長春不老的電影明星李麗華此刻正悄然抵港，這是她的丈夫嚴俊去世後第一次離開美國的愛巢。因爲在香港，有許多是他們觸摸過及踏足過的事物與地方。李麗華之來，是要重臨舊地，重温舊夢。

報紙又說，「李麗華半生所追求的，是名和利。但自嚴俊去世，她心中如有所失，使她領會到：人生除了名和利，還有其他。」新聞記者悵然問道：「這個『其他』是甚麼呢？」

最後：「『三十功名塵與土』，『富貴繁華是一夢』，李麗華認爲一切都是過眼雲烟，白雲蒼狗，她要重新追求的是一個心靈上的實質！」

這個尋找，萬萬不是看破紅塵。相反地，是最實際不過的醒悟。所謂「心靈上的實質」，就是靈魂的歸宿。從來世上宗教，無一能爲來生解答，然而耶穌却莊嚴地宣告說：「你們心裏不要憂愁，你們信上帝，也當信我……我就是道路、眞理、生命，若不藉着我，沒有人能到天父那裏去。」

爲了這個信仰，一九六九年以來，我舉家訪問香港佈道三次，在第二次我還帶了三十八位大半在美國出生的華裔青年越洋獻唱，我把我在靈性上的經歷，向過千萬的香港人作有力的見證，不少聽衆受了感動，願意和我一同奔走天國的路程。從此，他們的生命得到了無限的豐盛。那種豐盛，也許使當地一般「搏命」的人無法了解，無論如何，這些

他們一個一個走上前來，帶着眼淚跪下……渴慕眞理的人眞的獲得飽足了。

四十八，樂得不失

有一種香港人的心理，剛好和「沒有明天」的態度相反。他們相信自己在地上還有「很多時間」，因此把許多要做的事情「等到明天」。當然，這種心理，不是某些香港人才有的特色，自古已然。所以聖經說：「其實明天如何，你們還不知道。你們的生命是甚麼呢？你們原來是一片雲霧，出現少時就不見了。」

不但李麗華在追思嚴俊，我也想起韓蘭根、石揮、何非凡、林黛、白小曼、莫愁、譚蘭卿……這些銀幕和戲壇上的演員，曾是我成長中的一些部份，如今劇終人散，留下來的是一絲輕烟似的嘆息。回顧自己，何曾不也是人生舞台上的一個角色，供世人和天使觀看。

那麼，人生原來是如此悲觀的麼？如果是，做人的價值幾何？一九三零年，基督教救世軍在香港成立，五十年後，由一個卑微的開始發展到現在的一個龐大的服務網，滿佈島上，夜以繼日去帮助無法統計的人找尋生命的眞意義。這次的盛大佈道運動，一連十天，以「你找甚麼？」爲主題，向在迷途中摸索的人發出指示的燈號。

我相信世人要尋找的是歸屬感和歸宿感：「歸屬」是人與上帝那種已經失去了聯絡的感情，使人竟不知道自己爲何物；「歸宿」是人在短暫的旅程中對明天的恐懼，而地上又沒有任何的東西能夠滿足心底的徬徨。

我的系統證道一共有五章：

第一章：「失而復得」　上帝像一個慈祥的父親，天天在盼望那遠離家門的放浪兒子歸來，他要爲「失而復得，死而復活」的兒子舉行慶祝，大擺筵席。

第二章：「得而復失」　許多「浪子」在淪落之際，也曾思念過回家去，但是到底不肯完全放棄那種習慣了的糜爛生活方式，在回家的途中掉頭。

第三章：「得不償失」　在聲色犬馬中的浪子，似乎得着，實際上是越來越虛浮，他的安全感，原來祇是假貨。

第四章：「患得患失」　他要在「回家」和「繼續流浪」中做一個選揀，那種矛盾的交戰心情可想而知，然而他必須下一個最後的決心。

第五章：「樂得不失」　他勇敢地面對自己的軟弱，在全部崩潰之前，回家去，向父親認罪，從此，享受家的温暖快樂。

我邀請台下的會衆「歸家」，請他們從座位上站起，走到前面，作爲一個決志的表示。

當他們一個一個帶着眼淚上前跪下的時候，我看見天上有一隊使者下凡來，把他們的淚珠拾起，穿成一串，掛在上帝的頸項裏……。（下期續）

金山客批世情

※脚踏實地

美國商務部報告，台灣去年銷美鞋類共達一億八千餘萬對。

金山客曰：此乃眞正「脚踏實地」之工作。

※發財與好色

積姬蓮參臣女士新著「最有錢之書」道出：「如欲發財，必須不好女色」。

金山客曰：同樣道理，如欲好女色，必須先發財。

※飲酒不醉

澳洲墨爾砵酒廠新產品「不含酒精美酒」，可盡千杯而不醉。

金山客曰：飲酒不醉，不如飲白開水。

※髮財

華盛頓一撮頭髮擬拍賣，索價百萬元。

金山客曰：此之謂「髮財」。

※實驗、幻想

台灣大學生測驗結果，對於性知識，以理學院學生程度最高，而文學院最低。

金山客曰：無他，理學院學生乃實驗派；而文學院學生則屬幻想派也。

現場錄音

※長處

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二三一、兩個全國會議

去年十一月至十二月間，北京召開了全國人民代表大會，同時也舉行了全國政治協商會議，有些香港澳門的代表去北京參加了會議。事後他們回到港澳後，在香港出版的刊物上發表了一些見聞和感受。我們經常關心國內的情況，讀到這些文章，得知許多平時不易看見的報導。

中國的政治經濟方面，至今擺脫不了「人治制度」，所以一些領導人物的情況，對時局的發展，依然有着密切關係。前一時期鄧小平離開北京，就引起了種種猜測，足見主要人物對時局的重大影響。

據港澳代表從北京會議得來的印象，在某些方面，很使人發生深思，譬如人物的「老化」，情況十分嚴重。據說兩個大會的主席台上，坐着不少老人，要攙扶的越來越多。許德珩副主席已九十三歲，作報告說話糊塗，不知所云。史良要三人扶持，葉劍英要二人扶持，不少人都要有人陪護。鄧小平也有護士跟着，但他不讓扶，使人看來他還行。這種老人展覽的場面，並不雅觀。

兩個會議代表人數太多，因此以小組討論爲主，沒有在大會上發言，所以說話比較暢快，也顯示各代表們的思想狀況。有些老幹部還沒有清除「文革」遺毒。

從小組討論中，可以看出目前仍存在着所謂「知識份子問題」。一個老幹部提出，落實知識份子政策時，要防止知識份子尾巴又翹起來了，好像建設離開他們就不成，我們老同志有責任「幫助」他們。當然，他的這番「妙論」受到與會許多人的反對，說他說話非常錯誤。

討論中提到改革機構，克服官僚主義時，有人說冶金部現有正副部長二十多名。也有人說有的部長或副部長，從這個療養院轉到那個療養院，成了療養部長。有個委員說，爲了照顧關係，一個部安排二十一個部長，一個局有十幾個局長，造成幾個局長管一個處，而年輕得力幹部提不上來。趙紫陽報告採取果斷措施，進行機構改革，克服官僚主義，獲得代表們和委員們多次熱烈鼓掌。

還有海外人士關心的落實僑務政策問題，許多代表發表意見，認爲差距還有一大截，希望進一步落實好。由於官僚主義的多方阻碍，退還被佔僑房，也還遠遠未能盡如人意。由於海外關係而受到歧視及迫害是個老問題，落實僑務政策同知識份子政策一樣困難重重。交通部及政治部曾給福建「指示」說，招收海員不要有海外關係的人。

雖然與會代表們發表了不少批評的意見，但大家也表示，這次兩個會議的氣氛，使人精神振奮，跟以往大不相同。

下午茶座

薩國

這一天我們朋友相叙，都爲日報上薩爾瓦多內戰頭條新聞發愁。朋友甲說：「美國經濟若有不景情形，總是要在外捲入一些衝突。好像沒有仗打也要製造一些紛爭，美國人民要警惕呀！」

朋友乙說：「薩爾瓦多位在中美洲，地方只有彈丸之大。可是該地區向來只是民貧官富，國家財富完全落在三數大家族手中。美國雖然怪責古巴及尼加拉瓜的介入。但是我們都很清楚的看到，要是薩爾瓦多有民主政權，人民豐衣足食，那裏有人要革命呢？」

丙說：「聽說美國中央情報局CIA現在阿根庭訓練突擊特種部隊，不日飛往薩爾瓦多助政府軍一臂之力。」

乙說：「怪不得雷根總統在記者招待會上對薩國局勢及中央情報局活動不欲置評。」

朋友丁說：「尼加拉瓜與薩爾瓦多同屬中美洲國家。美國向來認爲那裏是美國的後門，對該地區局勢異常關注。但我總不明白，爲什麼不多派像『和平隊』這樣的組織，幫助該國進行基本的農業改良，設立社區福利機構，開辦學校。這總比輸出軍火好呀。」

甲說：「我也是這樣想：中央情報局負責人應爲美國及鄰近地區的長遠利益着眼。要是他們技癢，一定要幹些特殊勾當，那麼倒應該推翻一些獨裁專政、壓迫人民的政權。這樣，蘇聯老布和古巴大鬍子也無法插手。」

（陳志福）

短聞

★「今日亞美」每星期六上午九時由第二道電視台播出。二月二十七，陳小眉與寮族社區一成員談老撾及灣區老撾人的問題。三月六日由天主教悲善會執行主席史蒂文斯談有關亞美及難民社區問題。

☆施西市美術委員會會長李劍華稱，該會二月一日至廿六邀請畫家孫毅生到市府畫廊舉行個人畫展。外埠參觀者可與李會長電約（四〇八）三九四—二九六五。

☆獲平均分數三．五以上的本市高中生可通過學校顧問或校長申請KUBR電台紀念前市長馬士孔尼獎學金。截止日期是四月一日。詳情電九五一—七〇七〇。

★華埠北岸區家庭計劃指導所屬下之青年診所定二月廿六星期五下午四時半在華語廣播「走頭有路」中講解婦女保健常識，由關悅銘醫生主講云。

★東北社區聯邦信用合作社自去年政府批准成立後，已於都板街九一五號A開業，由許陳錦蕙任會長。該會宗旨在貸款給低薪及少數民族，以低息貸款投進社區以促進其經濟成長。入會最低股爲廿五元，入會六十天後可以申請貸款買屋、汽車及作爲教育費。詳情電九八六—七一七九。

★鋼琴家丁順訓第二次鋼琴演奏會，定於二月廿八日（星期日）下午三時在音樂及藝術學院（積臣街二六二二號）舉行，演奏節目包括海頓復奏曲、貝多芬「熱情」奏鳴曲、布拉姆斯及李斯特名曲。丁女士榮獲音樂及藝術學院一九八二年卓越演奏家獎學金。此次演出，不收門票。

★本市安老自助處定三月六日星期六下午十二時半在遠東酒樓舉行耆英春節聯歡宴會，有鑼鼓音樂及歌曲演奏。六十歲以上者每位席金八元，未滿六十歲者每位席金十二元。九十歲以上者免費。購票請帶年歲證明書於二月廿六前到該處登記。

★東北衛生局第四分局定三月三日開始每星期三下午二至四時開設孕婦指導班。以粵語講解關於孕期健康、胎兒發展、到院留產情形，家庭計劃及理料嬰兒方法等。地址：美臣街一四九〇號。

★日本埠作家協會舉辦第二屆中學文學比賽。在校中學生可參加競選。有關亞洲人在美國生活方面的詩或文章均可參加競選。稿寄失打街一八五二號。截止日期是五月十五日。詳情電（四一五）七六三—三五三二。

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爭取亞太人權 面臨關鍵時刻

（本報訊）剛滿任的人權委員會主席亞瑟·佛萊明上月底得到亞太聯邦就業會議的獎勵，以酬謝他對爭取人權的貢獻。人權委員會是第一個對亞太人權問題提出諮商的機構，並負責安排第一個爲亞太老人設置的聯邦基金。

最近佛萊明接受東西報訪問，就現階段的人權問題及目前亞裔及其他少數民族的現狀發表意見。

他認爲人權問題的爭取，目前正面臨關鍵時刻，我們擁有維護人權的立法及法院決議，但是在乎個人善於應用這些立法，來爲目前受歧視的人爭取權益。

佛萊明認爲目前行政負責機構是在人權問題上開倒車，譬如說最近衆議院提出的勞工局安置撥款提案附款，對平等就業法案的立場顯然有害，又衆議院對選舉法案的立場也將不利於本法案。

他指出目前就全國而言，有數以百計的社區曾經過兩年到十年的種種企圖混合各種族的措施，許多對此表示贊許的人，並不屬於任何民權機構，應該安排適當的途徑，使他們的意見能夠通達到各民意代表。

他說目前許多民權問題的反對者，設法走後門，利用附款在正式法案的方式，逐步削弱人權法案的力量。這些附款常在立法通過的前一分鐘通過，沒有經過一般聽證及辯論的手續。佛萊明指出人權運動的支持者應研商出一種方式來對付反對者的詭計。

雖然目前的行政機構實際上支持利用附款來削弱人權法案的措施，並且對平等就業法案的執行並不熱心，但佛萊明認爲人權的立法已經打下根基，我們應經由法院等來爭取權益。他建議亞裔在遇到歧視時，應該盡量的爭取經由法律途徑來謀求解決，這樣可以爲後來者闢出一條途徑。

他認爲，由於權益促進計劃，亞裔是有機會的。重要的是，社區應認清自己在權益促進中所扮演的角色，并進一步和其他少數民族同心合力，促使本地僑主切實執行這些計劃。

對於某些人認爲亞太裔的經濟社會地位已提高，而無需再受保護，佛萊明不表贊同。他認爲在教育、就業及住屋各方面亞太裔仍受歧視，不能因爲某些人的地位提高，就以爲所有的亞太裔已不再受害。

佛萊明承認目前人權問題面臨一個困難的時期，他認爲聯邦政府有責任去樹立公正的原則，而目前將社會福利計劃交由州政府執行的整批撥款計劃，是聯邦政府未能履行其責任。但他相信在民間有大量支持人權法案的人，而對前途表示樂觀。

議員提案爭取 混血兒移民額

（本報訊）最近國會議員提出議案，爲美國軍人所生的美亞混血兒爭取優先移民配額。這份提案由康乃迪克州衆議員斯特華。馬克基尼執筆，一百六十名議員及代表簽署，其中並包括若干著名的保守議員。

根據此提案，一九五〇年後，由美國軍人在韓國、越南、寮國、泰國、日本、菲律賓及台灣所生之非婚生子女，將獲得第一優先移民配額（美國公民的非婚生子女）。依據目前的規定，他們屬於「第六優先移民配額」及「最後優先配額」類，很少能夠獲得移民簽證。

這份新提出的規定如獲通過，並不會增加移民總數，或增加一般公共負擔。因爲每一位移民將由一美國公民保證其五年內的生活費用。

這些美軍留在亞洲的私生子，因爲他們是混血兒，經常受到當地社會的歧視，許多成爲孤兒或流浪街頭。韓國漢城「聖文生美亞混血兒童之家」的負責人亞福瑞·金牧師在國會作證時說，這些「在亞洲的被遺忘的美國兒童」經常受到當地社會的譏嘲與虐待。

賽珍珠基金會的執行理事約翰·商德向「基督教箴言報」記者提出：「美亞混血兒的父親經常不在他們身邊，而使得他們安全喪失了社會化及與當地社會融合等種種爲社會接受方式的關鍵引導人。」

金牧師估計目前美亞混血兒的數目約在三萬五千名左右，包括兩千名在韓國，一千五百名在日本，一千名在台灣，五千名在泰國，一千名在寮國及兩萬五千名在越南及菲律賓。而另一個估計其總數當在八萬名上下。

金牧師提出：「近年未曾介入東南亞國家事務的其他國家的人，在撤退時，將他們的混血兒帶回，賦予公民資格，並支持他們完成教育。」

雖然類似的爭取美亞混血兒移民資格的提案在過去不獲國會批准，但因這次得到爲數衆多及立場不同的各方面的國會議員的支持，支持者對本案的通過表示樂觀。

祝壘賽順利進行

（社論）國際壘球總會祕書長波特上週往台北簽署了第五屆世界杯女子壘球錦標賽七月上旬在台北舉行的協議後，邀請函已由台灣派專人到美交總會轉寄各會員。北京早已說派隊參加，並將在鄭州舉行選拔賽。

台灣一些報刊提出兩個問題，一是大陸隊員會根據台灣入境法令申請簽證或入境許可到台灣嗎？如果台灣當局批准入境，不是與現行政策有牴觸嗎？二是大陸隊到台北後，會在青天白日旗下比賽嗎？他們會在開幕儀式中聽唱國民黨的國歌嗎？

波特未抵台前，已先和兩名來自北京的代表在洛杉磯會談。我們深信波特在台北時已和何明璋提出這些有政治性的問題。因此波特在離台前發表七項聲明，其中第三項說明舉辦國要給所有比賽球隊入境的方便。只要大陸隊員能入境，他們是憑簽證、入境許可證、或壘總的「介紹信」，我們不必去猜想。波特所關懷的，也就是「所有比賽球隊能到場比賽」而已。

波特聲明中第六項，指出所有會員球隊「要在和協氣氛下比賽，儘量避免任何政治上的牽涉」，也是希望大陸、台灣雙方避免在國號國旗國歌上的爭執。在北京的外國記者曾報導說，要是開幕和閉幕儀式中有政治氣氛，大陸球員將避席。

我們同意波特的話，希望所有球隊在和協友好的氣氛下賽球，不要讓政治因素把賽事推延。我們和其他海外華人一樣，謹以誠意祝錦標賽順利進行。

（劉池光）

余杰發就任 州撥款委員

（本報訊）阿拉米達縣行政主任余杰發自被委任爲加州整筆撥款顧問委員後，成爲非常受歡迎的人。該委員會成立於去年秋天，由州議員華斯康茲洛提案而獲通過。這十二名委員的委員會負責建議聯邦整筆撥款用途，如何經營，誰可獲得撥款。

余杰發說，突然之間，許多希望和他會見的團體時常邀請他。

該委員會的目標之一，便是發動州及地方機構從事收集民意及主持公聽會。該委員會最重要的工作是向州議會建議該整筆撥款應用於支持何種活動，所包括的地理區域以及接受服務的個人「等類」。

余氏指出，該委員會最受爭論的工作係如何決定撥款的分配。他認爲有三種辦法：依據人口的多寡比例，根據各機構過去經費使用情形以及依照需要而定。

余杰發解釋稱，根據人口多寡比例，每個人可獲得相等的數目，而不論是否需要；就好像爲洛杉磯提供鏟雪經費一樣。根據過去經費使用情形則可能使良好的經營者處於嚴重不利地位，事實上他們曾實施有效的節省經費的計劃。

他强調稱，根據需要才是較好的辦法。如果一項計劃是爲低收入或精神病患者，即可直接撥款。

他說：「我不能預料結果如何，但這總是值得去努力的。提案人有個很好的理想。讓我們看看做爲一個委員會可做出多少，以及州議會能讓該委員會做出多少。」